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ARKANSAS.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: Statistics are considered tiresome, but I would be willing to have my report considered most dull if I could run more largely to figures and show greater results. Our growth as "Daughters" is slow. The Helena and Van Buren Regents report nine members each, with an earnest desire to complete the Chapters. The Little Rock Chapter, under the guidance of Mrs. Ada M. Norton, has reached a membership of thirty-five, and has contributed funds for charitable purposes, and for the Lafayette Monument Fund. Its members engaged in the War Relief work, being especially interested in providing comforts for the thousand Arkansas troops. The social and literary features of the Chapter are always most enjoyable. We have on our State roll one daughter of a revolutionary patriot, Mrs. Catherine Robard Stirman, of Fayetteville, a member of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. A bill has been introduced in Congress, asking for a pension for this most estimable lady. It is hoped that the National Society will use its influence for this worthy purpose. There is one Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution, the Frances Marion Society, composed of young Americans, in whom the fires of patriotism have been early kindled. The year has been so full of international interests and national results, that the patriotism that was caught, coddled, and cradled by the charter Daughters in 1890, has grown to cover the whole country and the islands of the sea.

At the close of my second term as State Regent I wish to thank the National Officers for the many kind courtesies received and to wish success to my successor.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES MARION HANGER,
State Regent.

ALABAMA.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: Though I cannot report a large increase in the membership of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Alabama during the past year, yet the information which comes to me shows a steady growth, and a degree of interest which is greatly encouraging and is an earnest of the results we may naturally hope for in the future. Chapter Regents report this the most pleasant and prosperous year of their Chapter's existence. Business meetings regular and well attended; public meetings popular and interesting; celebrations have been held commemorating historic deeds and battles of the Revolution; Fourth of July observed with appropriate and stirring ceremonies, participated in by large and patriotic assemblies; supplies sent to Daughters of the American Revolution Hospital Corps; donations to War Fund, Washington Statue, Lafayette Monument, and Walton Home in Georgia; appropriations made for medals to be given this year in the schools to pupils making the highest record in the study of American history; in all this have our Alabama Daughters shown loyalty to our organization and an earnest purpose to promote its noble and patriotic objects. I may mention here, that in several places in the State resides probably but one member of the National Society, and from the influence of these loyal, but solitary ones we look for the organization of other Chapters. In November the first State Conference was held. This meeting marked an important date in the work of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and from its deliberations our patriotic cause received new impulse and fresh zeal. Obstacles which hinder the growth of the State work and which were alluded to in my

last report, still exist and will continue. Many of our people are descended from revolutionary ancestors, who served from States where records have been poorly preserved, and are meagre and incomplete; and some of our most intelligent and patriotic women, who earnestly desire to become members of the Daughters of the American Revolution cannot secure the necessary proof, though they have made diligent search, based on tradition, which has been handed down and accepted as authentic for several generations. The year 1899 opens auspiciously and hopefully for the Daughters of the American Revolution in Alabama although our gains since the last Congress added little to the numerical strength of the National Society, yet, not only is our membership more firmly and securely established, but among the people generally there is a growing feeling of sympathy and admiration for the principles and objects of our noble Society. Patriotic, earnest women are in our ranks, and there are "more to follow;" there is work to be done, but it promises good and wise results.

Respectfully submitted,

KATE DUNCAN SMITH,
State Regent.

CONNECTICUT.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: Never in the history of the Daughters of the American Revolution has there been a year so crowded with interests and activities, which have appealed so strongly and so fittingly to us as Daughters of the American Revolution, and to the spirit of the organization which we represent, as those that have come to us during the year 1898.

In presenting a brief resumé of our Chapter work for the year, interest will doubtless center in that part of it which refers to our efforts in connection with the recent war. It is the history of our share in the momentous events of the past twelve months—events which have changed the destiny of nations, and brought this Republic to the severest test it has ever known—the test of its fidelity to the vital principles of

civil and religious liberty upon which our forefathers founded a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

My official report of our war relief work has been accepted by the National Board, Daughters of the American Revolution, and but little remains to add to it. I am, however, able to report to-day that since the pamphlet was printed, I have forwarded four cases of garments and other supplies to Cuba, three cases to the hospital ship "Relief," and one case to the United States General Hospital at Manila.

The Mary Clap Wooster, the Mary Silliman, and the Elizabeth Clark Hull Chapters have also forwarded boxes of literature to the "Relief" and to Camp Shippe, at Anniston, Alabama.

In my printed report will be found recorded only such sums for relief purposes as actually passed through my hands. But this sum by no means represents the entire amount of money contributed by the Connecticut Daughters. There should be added to this all that was raised and expended through local committees for legitimate relief measures which appealed directly to the sympathies and purses of certain Chapters.

I am glad to be able to make this supplementary report to-day, as it is of much value in the summing up of our war work for 1898. The "Eunice Dennie Burr" Chapter reports having raised and expended \$114.60; "Orford Parish," \$119.80; "Hannah Woodruff," \$165; "Elizabeth Porter Putnam," \$100; "Elizabeth Clark Hull," \$200; "Melicent Porter," \$500; "Wadsworth," \$158; "Sibbil Dwight Kent," \$175; "Anne Wood Elderkin," \$142.48; "Mary Wooster," \$175; "Mary "Clap Wooster," \$435; "Torrington," \$96; "Mary Silliman," \$141.42; "Sarah Riggs Humphrey," \$100.96; "Ruth Wyllys," \$649; "Roger Sherman," \$254.30; "Susan Carrington Clarke," \$141; "Putnam Hill," \$186.50; "Katherine Gaylord," \$155.03; "Lucretia Shaw," \$300; "Anna Warner Bailey," \$135; "Dorothy Ripley," \$514.80; "Ruth Hart," \$88.50; Esther Stanley," \$150; "Thomaston," \$193.75; "Abigail Phelps," \$190. As reported, the total amount of money contributed by the Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution for the relief of sick and wounded soldiers, is \$7,-

158.87—a splendid showing, for which the Connecticut Daughters cannot be too highly commended.

I believe every Chapter in the State reports increase in membership, and progress along such lines of patriotic and commemorative work as each has undertaken. We all rejoice with the Ruth Wyllis Chapter in the culmination of the splendid enterprise which has so largely absorbed its energies, and held the interest of all Daughters for the past two years. Before another annual report is made, the old "Burying Ground" in Hartford will have been completely restored—the rookeries and the filthy alley which flanked it will have been wiped out, and a broad and handsome boulevard from Main Street to Bushnell Park will have taken its place. Through the efforts of the Chapter the sum of \$27,000 has been raised (\$15,000 of it being contributed by the Chapter itself) to meet its share of the expense of rescuing this historic burial place from its long-time disgraceful condition.

This is a noble achievement, one of which all are proud, and for which we are grateful to the energetic Daughters of Hartford.

A few hundred dollars only remain to be secured by the Elizabeth Porter Putnam Chapter for the final payment on the property which includes the famous Wolf Den, and the entire indebtedness will, doubtless, be paid off by January, 1900.

Each Chapter has some item of interest to add to the history of our year's work, and if time permitted I should be glad to give them all in detail. A few examples must, however, suffice for this report. The Hannah Woodruff Chapter has presented to the National Daughters of the American Revolution Library a copy of Timlom's History of Southington, and it is proud of the fact—as we all are—that Miss Alice Tuttle, one of the Chapter members, gave her services in answer to an emergency call, in caring for the sick soldiers in the New Haven Hospital.

The Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter has completely restored the old stone powder mill in the town of Fairfield, and I take pleasure in noting the fact that after the issuance of my war circular No. 1, this was the first Chapter in the State to place

itself at my service, and ask what it could do to help on the war relief work.

The special work of the Mary Silliman Chapter is the restoration of the Stratford Revolutionary Burial Ground, and the care of the grave in Wallingford of its Patron Saint.

The Wadsworth Chapter has celebrated, during the year, the one hundredth birthday of one of its "Real Daughters," and many Chapters, notably, the Mary Silliman, the Abigail Phelps, and the Elizabeth Clark Hull, are caring wholly, or in part, for the needs of such "Real Daughters" as are on their membership rolls.

The Mary Wooster, Mary Clap Wooster, and Anne Wood Elderkin Chapters are constantly adding valuable articles to their collections of Colonial and Revolutionary relics.

The Mary Clap Wooster Chapter is also greatly interested in the career of one of its members, Miss Esther V. Hasson, who entered the United States service at the opening of the war, and is now, with one exception, the ranking nurse in the service.

The Norwalk Chapter is especially interested in the Historical and Memorial Library Association, of Norwalk, which has recently been organized chiefly through the efforts of its Regent, Mrs. Weed.

Individual members of the Sarah Riggs Humphrey Chapter have copied more than one hundred years of the earliest Records of the First Church of Derby, and are now engaged in copying Town Records, which date back to 1661. The original marker for the grave of the Rev. John Bowers, who died in 1687, after serving the town of Derby as minister, schoolmaster, and town clerk, was recently found three or four feet under the sod, and having been embedded in a block of polished granite, it has been re-set over the grave. But for the careful research and tireless efforts of the Chapter Regent, Mrs. Pinney, the Colonial and Revolutionary history of Derby would probably be lost beyond recall within the next quarter of a century.

The Abigail Wolcott Ellsworth Chapter has placed a fine granite boulder, suitably inscribed, on the spot where the first English settlers erected a house in the town of Windsor.

In addition to important improvements on the old Stone Monument House, of Groton Heights, the Anna Warner Bailey Chapter has collected a number of old historic and contemporary documents and other appropriate objects, to be laid away in "a sealed box" which was placed under the stone door-sill of the reconstructed, fire proof house. These will (presumably) be uncovered a hundred (or two) years hence by a generation which will have taken our places. By mid-summer, this Chapter will have paid the entire expense of \$815.59 for all improvements on the Monument House—of which it is the custodian. The Chapter's Flag Committee has, throughout the year, been steadily at work perfecting the artistic "working model" of the flag for the State's future use, which is now in the Capitol at Hartford, and has also presented several valuable large water colors, and expensive photographs to the military in the State as required; and has distributed artistic colored photographs to many Libraries and Societies at a total cost of upwards of \$250. The Chapter voted last April to compile a "Cartoon History of the War," and it now possesses several large volumes of superb cartoons, and its Historian is only waiting the signing of the Treaty of Peace to close the last volume.

Under the direction of the Katharine Gaylord Chapter the work of restoring the "Hill Green" has taken definite shape, and considerable progress was made during the summer. It is hoped that this work will be completed within the next year or two, and it is certain when finished, the "Old Hill Green" will be a thing of beauty and a joy for many generations.

Several Chapters, among them the Susan Carrington Clarke and Ruth Hart, of Meriden, have made valuable gifts of historical and genealogical works to the public libraries in their respective towns, gifts which fill a long felt want, and are greatly appreciated by the public.

Two Chapters have been organized during the year—the Judea Chapter, of Washington and Litchfield, and the Martha Pitkin Wolcott Chapter, of East Hartford. It is possible that a few more Chapters may yet be organized in Connecticut—there is much historic ground still to be covered, but local conditions have not, and perhaps will not favor the organiza-

tion in their midst of Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution. We may, therefore, regard the organizing work in Connecticut as practically completed. We have one or more Chapters in every county—a total of forty-one, and that is a very large number for so small a State. It is also an interesting and unusual fact that every Chapter in the State has its Charter from the National Society. We shall, doubtless, continue to grow—but slowly after this—the phenomenally rapid growth of earlier years can no longer be expected.

In my last annual report I alluded to the literary ventures of several of the Connecticut Chapters. This year I am happy to record the publication of "Katharine Gaylord—Heroine," the prize essay, written by Mrs. Muzzey, of Bristol; a volume of stories of revolutionary days, written by Miss Sarah Prichard, and published by the Melicent Porter Chapter, of Waterbury, and a pamphlet, treating of local history and called "Who Built the Forts?" written by Miss Mary E. Benjamin, and published by the Anna Warner Bailey Chapter, of which Miss Benjamin is a member. Miss Mary P. Root, of Bristol, is compiling from material furnished by the Chapters, a volume of sketches of our "Patriots' Daughters" and "Patron Saints." The volume will be profusely illustrated, and it is hoped that it will prove a valuable, as well as interesting addition to the historical literature of the day.

It is a pleasure to report that I have recently appointed Regents for Chapters to be formed in London, England, and in Ottawa, Canada. These Regents—Mrs. Hugh Reid Griffin, a resident of London, and Mrs. Charles E. Turner, a resident of Ottawa—are Connecticut women, and both have been members of the Melicent Porter Chapter, of Waterbury, from which each resigned in order to accept the responsible position of Chapter Regent in a foreign land.

The Melicent Porter Chapter must, therefore, be given full credit for having instigated a (more or less) direct blow at a monarchical government, by suggesting a plan, and furnishing the material with which to lead off in an effort to colonize the Mother Country with Daughters of the American Revolution! In addition to its colonization efforts and its publication of Miss Prichard's book of Revolutionary stories, the

Melicent Porter Chapter gave to the service of our country a distinguished nurse, Miss Cherrie French, who is here to-day as a member of the Eighth Continental Congress, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Our proposed memorial to the Connecticut women of the Revolution, appeals strongly to the Connecticut Daughters. It seems to be a duty, and should be regarded as a privilege, for us to make evident in some tangible, permanent, and beautiful form, our belief that the American Revolution would and never could have succeeded but for the women of '76.

In prose and poem, in eulogy and song, in granite and bronze, ample justice has been accorded the forefathers, in commemoration of their high courage, their sacrifices, their far-sighted wisdom, and fidelity to the principles and purposes of the mighty issues with which they were confronted.

But what has been said or done for the foremothers? Practically nothing. And is it not due to the equally fine courage, the far greater sacrifices, and the noble devotion of our foremothers to Home and Country, that with united hands and hearts, we officially and generously acknowledge the indebtedness—of Daughters to Mothers—and in granite or bronze perpetuate the memory of the spirit of the women who aided in achieving American Independence.

There are sixty-nine living "Patriot's" Daughters on our rolls to-day, and the total number of such Daughters credited on the National Society's books to Connecticut is seventy-nine. Three hundred and forty-eight copies of the *AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE* are taken by our Chapter members. In Chapter fees and dues we have this year sent to the treasury of the National Society, \$3,801.

The necrology for the year includes several "Patriot's" Daughters, also the Registrar and Historian of the Freelove Baldwin Stow Chapter; the Registrar of the Sarah Ludlow Chapter, and the Historian and much lamented ex-Regent of the Hannah Benedict Carter Chapter.

The total number of deaths reported for the year is thirty-seven.

In the first report made to the National Congress after my election to the State Regency, I stated that the National

Daughters of the American Revolution Directory credited Connecticut with a membership of 1,185.

To-day, upon the authority of the Treasurer General, I am able to state that our membership is 3,315—an increase since 1896 of 2,130.

So rapid has been the growth in membership in New York and Massachusetts, during the past year, that I cannot believe we shall at this Congress be greeted as the Banner State. But having always heretofore held that position, we can now certainly afford to be generous, and pass on the "Banner" to the successful State with our hearty congratulations and best wishes. But we cherish a perennial hope that we may always be the Banner State for the quantity and quality of our historical and commemorative work, and for loyalty to the principles, the objects and the aims of the great national organization of which each member is an integral part.

Respectfully submitted,

SARA T. KINNEY,
State Regent.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: I have the honor to report that the patriotism and untiring zeal of the Daughters of the American Revolution in the District of Columbia have elevated, not merely themselves, but the entire Society in the minds and hearts of their fellow citizens. At a crowded meeting, called by the State Regent, in the Red parlor of the Ebbitt House, on May 16th, the cry was, "Tell us what we can do." The District Daughters gave \$52 to the war fund and \$132 to the Hospital Corps, in addition to their time and strength as clerks, or in sewing and cutting. A full report of the war work done in the District up to date was read by the State Regent to the National Board in October. But much has been done since then, especially by the Mary Washington and the Army and Navy Chapters. The former is our oldest Chapter, which continues to number over two hundred, and still has the charming blind widow of the late Admiral Lee as Regent, and Miss Pearre

as Vice-Regent. The chairman of their War Committee was Mrs. Dickens, and Miss Clay was treasurer. All the committee forgot heat, expense and fatigue in their efforts to bring comfort and happiness to the families of the District volunteers and they were helped by their own and other Chapters. Fourteen hundred dollars were raised and expended most judiciously. The Treasurer General, Corresponding Secretary General and Mrs. Goodloe, Vice-President General, belong to this Chapter, as does also Miss Wheeler, one of General Wheeler's daughters, who went as nurse to Santiago. The Chapter passed a vote of thanks to Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, one of their number, Vice-President General and Director of the Daughters of the American Revolution Hospital Corps from its inception to August 31st, when she was appointed Acting Assistant Surgeon United States Army to take charge of all the nurses who had been employed by the Government after their selection by the Hospital Corps from the thousands of applicants, and of those who have been employed since. Some interesting papers were read at the social meetings. A gold medal has been awarded as an annual prize in the Academic Department of the High School for the best essay descriptive of the events that led up to the Revolution, or of the Revolution itself; the selection to be made by the principal of the High School in conjunction with the Chapter committee consisting of Miss E. B. Johnston, Miss May Johnson and Mrs. Marguerite Dickens. They also appointed a committee to appeal to the Congress of the United States not to admit Mr. Roberts, of Utah.

2. The Dolly Madison Chapter, Mrs. Gannett, Regent, is limited to sixty members so that they may meet at the homes of the members, each giving one dollar a year that the expense may be equal. After the business of the evening is attended to there are recitations, music and historical papers before the supper. More charming and instructive meetings can scarcely be imagined. The Historian, Miss Lyman, gave excellent papers on the revolutionary period, including a sketch of the battle of Cowpens. There is a great deal of talent in the Chapter, and Mr. Tweedall, whose wife is a member, is inimitable in his recitations. Addresses by Mr. H. M.

Gannett on "The Growth of the United States"; on "General Washington," by Mr. Barnard; "The Venezuela Boundary," by Dr. Marcus Baker, and "Virginia," by Judge Goode, were intellectual treats. In June the meeting took the form of a basket picnic on the spacious lawn of the home of Mrs. Dean, corner of Florida and Connecticut avenues, and Rev. Dr. Hamlin was the orator of the evening. The hostess distributed leaflets on which was printed an old, but mythical legend about the place, which had formerly belonged to the grandfather of the Regent of the District. Members of this Chapter did much to help the Hospital Corps, or any others who were working for our soldiers and their families. The Librarian General, Mrs. Darwin, and one of the Vice-Presidents General belong to this Chapter.

3. The Martha Washington is still flourishing under the devoted Regency of Miss Pike. Beside their regular meetings they have held two "open meetings" in some large hall, to which the National Officers living in the District, the officers of other Chapters and friends of members were invited. After a "feast of reason" and music refreshments were served and then the young people danced. The Historian, Miss M. L. Conrad, has at different times prepared most excellent papers which have been much enjoyed by the members. During the war they assessed themselves so much a month, leaving that and other moneys in the control of the Regent and Treasurer to be expended as they thought best. Some members gave up their summer vacation to devote themselves to the war work.

4. The Continental Chapter with such an energetic patriot as Mrs. Gist for Regent could not have failed to work as it did, and is doing, for our soldiers or their families. The \$156 which they gave in money was a very slight item compared to the food, bedding, books, time and strength which they lavished wherever it was needed. They must be very harmonious, for they are able to finish their business in time to have delightful evenings, either at the home of the Regent, where refreshments lend their aid to a better acquaintance with one another and their work, or at the Elsmere with music and addresses. The State Regent has found them a

very pleasant Chapter to speak to about work the Congress or the Board wished to have done. At one of these gatherings Senator Cannon interested us greatly by an eloquent address on "The Other Daughters of the American Revolution," meaning the Republics of America that had won their freedom by following the example of our revolutionary ancestors. Another time, Mr. Franklin Smith came in about nine o'clock and invited the Chapter to visit his interesting, curious and instructive "Hall of the Ancients" under his guidance.

5. Miss Chenoweth, Regent of the Columbia Chapter, reports that it closes its fifth year with the same number, fifty-seven. There have been two transfers to Chapters in distant cities, two resignations and four additions, thus keeping the number always to its limit. They did not take up any particular work during the war, but helped in a great many ways. The Recording Secretary General and the Chaplain General belong to this Chapter. The State Regent had the pleasure of attending one of its open meetings at the Ebbitt House and one when it was entertained by a member and takes pleasure in adding the words of its Regent, "We are a band of loyal women, loyal to the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and to each other. I am proud of my Chapter."

6. The Army and Navy Chapter has increased in membership from sixty-eight to eighty. The Regent, Mrs. Sternberg, and the chairman of their War Committee, Mrs. Alden, were members of the National Society War Committee and worked industriously all summer. Their meetings are held in the morning at the Ebbitt House, where Mr. Burch is unfailing in his kindness and courtesy to the Daughters of the American Revolution. After routine business there is always a literary program. The papers read this year included historical and other sketches of permanent value, indicating careful research and study. They were written to be read in fifteen or twenty minutes and were generally followed by an open discussion. Among them were accounts of the taking of Havana by the English in 1762 and the siege of Manila in the same year, both by Mrs. Gheen. Deep interest was felt in Mrs. Offley's papers about the voyage of the United

States steamer "Oregon" last summer from California around Cape Horn to Cuba, where the Nation had anxiously awaited her arrival. Mrs. Catling spoke on colonial times in New York, and Miss Cushing described George the Third and his times; Miss C. deN. Miller gave a sketch of General Schuyler, detailing his career from early childhood and presenting many facts to show that having lost his father when but eight years old, his mother did much to mold his character by her loving firmness and care. Colonial times in South Carolina were described by Miss Emily Middleton, beginning in 1629 when Charles the First gave all the territory extending from Virginia to Florida to his Attorney General, Sir Robert Heath. She showed the interest women then took in agriculture, particularly Miss Eliza Lucas, later Mrs. Colonel Pinckney and mother of Mr. Charles C. Pinckney, Minister to France in 1797, and who will always be remembered by his "millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute." At the age of sixteen, while her father was Royal Governor in Antigua and her mother an invalid, she often had charge of the plantation for months at a time. She experimented with various plants and in 1745 succeeded in growing indigo, thus introducing a plant which played a most important role in the production of the colony for more than fifty years, when it was superseded by cotton. The Army and Navy Chapter has been very true to its name in the care they have taken and are taking of families of regulars, whether at Fort Myer or in Nebraska. Each week since the war began they have met one morning to remodel old and new garments. They gave \$15.00 to the families of sailors killed by the blowing up of the "Maine." The Regent reports that up to January 1st they had given away 583 new and 287 second-hand garments and expended \$538.23, and she makes an earnest appeal for "help in the work so long as our Army and Navy are in foreign lands or on foreign waters." Mrs. Main, Vice-President General, belongs to this Chapter.

7. The Manor House Chapter having adjourned for the summer before war was declared, could only work as individuals, but they did not fail to contribute money and work. Their open meetings are held monthly in the Riggs House

parlor, invitations being given to all Daughters and their friends, either in writing or through the newspapers, so that all have an opportunity to hear how a Chapter is conducted and to learn American history, while music and recitations enliven the evening. Mrs. John A. Logan's paper on "Spain and Her American Colonies" was especially appreciated. This is its second year and Mrs. Ballinger is the Regent. It has increased in numbers, some of the new members having been brought into the National Society by its efforts.

8. The Elizabeth Jackson was formed shortly before the last Continental Congress and will be again represented by Mrs. Wysong as Regent. Its war work was principally in connection with the Hospital Corps, Miss Desha, the untiring Assistant Director of the Corps, being one of the members and the others anxious to help her. Miss Desha has also been the means of saving many Daughters from making mistakes in the Congress by directing a weekly parliamentary class to which she invites us all and for which Mr. Burch always gives the use of a room in the Ebbitt House. The Chapter has begun its efforts to furnish a room at Rocky Hill.

9. A new Chapter, Constitution, was formed in the autumn with Mrs. J. Ellen Foster as Regent. It especially desires to make a study of the Constitution, its relation to the colonial government, the influence of the New England colonies on it, etc., and had valuable papers read on these subjects.

10. The youngest Chapter is America, which has just formed with Mrs. Stocking as Regent. It may seem strange to some that there are so many Chapters in the District, but it should be remembered that when a Daughter wishes to form a Chapter she often helps her friends who do not belong to the Society to trace their lineage and join it. Several of the Chapters have appointed committees in compliance with the recommendation of Mrs. Walworth, chairman of the National University Committee, which was adopted by the last Continental Congress, namely, "To solicit signatures to a petition to the United States Senate for the passage of a bill which is still pending before it." This matter would have commanded more attention if the storm had not prevented so many meetings. The interest and patriotism of the more than

two hundred and sixty members at large in the District was fully proved when there was work to do, but the State Regent regrets that she has not had the pleasure of meeting them as often as if they had belonged to Chapters. One of the pleasures of her office has been the hearty welcome she has received and the attention which has been paid when she spoke of anything in which the National Board desired that they should be interested. The officers have met several times in conference at her house and twice there have been meetings at the Ebbitt House to which all members of the Society were invited through the newspapers. The Conference for the Good of the Order, which has met several times, is called by Miss Desha, as the State Regent was particularly anxious that Daughters from any part of the world should feel that they were expected as much, if not more, than those living in the District.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. C. HASSSLER NEWCOMB,
State Regent.

DELAWARE.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: The State Regent of Delaware has the honor to submit the following report:

The Caesar Rodney Chapter, of Wilmington, has made marked growth in good work and numbers this year, nine new members have been admitted bringing fresh interest and enthusiasm. This Chapter took part in an entertainment last October for the benefit of the Delaware Hospital. The Daughters of the American Revolution booth artistically draped in our own colors was one of the most attractive corners in that beautiful "Temple of Fame," and the sum of \$125.00 was realized from the sale of "home-made candy" for that very worthy charity.

Under the direction of its very efficient Regent, Miss Waples, it led in the great work done by our little band of sister Daughters throughout the State for relief of the soldiers

and sailors during the war with Spain, a full report of which has been sent by the Secretary, Miss Ella Turner, to the National Committee. Public meetings were held from May until October every Saturday morning at the room kindly given in the Equitable Guarantee and Trust Company Building. Plans for work there made were carried out at the homes of the various members. Twenty-five dollars went to the National War Fund, besides the six large boxes to Key West, Santiago and Tampa.

Under the auspices of this Chapter a most successful and delightful "War-Song Concert" was given in June at the Opera House for the special benefit of the Delaware volunteers then encamped at Middletown. Some of the enlisted men appeared in a very effective tableau which preceded the rendering of "Tenting To-night on the Old Camp-Ground." The proceeds of this concert were used for the maintenance in part of the families of soldiers left in destitute condition.

After the troops returned from Cuba to Montauk the Chapter sent a most valuable box to the surgeon of the Twelfth New York Infantry. In his letter of thanks to the Regent the surgeon said, "No words can tell the good that this timely offering has done; it has saved the lives of many of our men who were suffering and dying for lack of just such nourishing food." It was sent to the regiment as a loving tribute them and fell at the battle of El Caney, Lieutenant Clarke Churchman.

The members of this Chapter had the pleasure of meeting Miss Desha, Founder and Honorary Vice-President General, at a special meeting called in her honor at the home of the Chapter Regent on January 10th. It was an evening of great profit and enjoyment. A warm welcome awaits her when she passes this way again. The Chapter sent \$25.00 to the Continental Hall Fund, \$5.00 to the Lafayette Monument and \$5.00 to the Washington Monument Fund.

The Elizabeth Cook Chapter, of Smyrna, has met regularly on the 10th of every month at "Old Belmont Hall," than which no more fitting setting could be for a body of patriotic women; the enthusiasm in carrying out the objects of the

organization should not wane in that historic environment. The Regent, Mrs. Peterson Speakman, is zealous in her efforts to promote the growth and best interests of the Chapter named for her grandmother, whose work as a revolutionary patriot is so dear to the hearts of all the "Blue Hen's Chickens." This Chapter worked with the others during the summer and sent \$10.00 to the relief fund. The outlook is encouraging for increase of membership. Two new members have been added and contributions made as follows: Ten dollars to the Continental Hall Fund; ten dollars to the Prison Ships Fund, and two dollars to the "Meadow Garden Farm" Fund.

The Colonel Haslet Chapter, at Dover, has suffered keenly from loss of its members during the past year, three of whom have been transferred to the Quaker City Chapter in Philadelphia, and three others have passed on to higher life. The extraordinary and tragic circumstances connected with the death of the much-beloved Secretary and Historian, Mrs. Deane and Mrs. Demming, had a very depressing effect for the time, but the Regent, Mrs. Elizabeth King Anderson, redoubled her efforts and kept the Chapter up to its high standard. Meetings were held regularly and no good work left undone. When the call came for help from the War Relief Committee the members, with the assistance of a few auxiliaries, entered heartily into the work. Twenty-four dollars in money were contributed and many yards of material made into pajamas and shirts. Three new members were added and there is an earnest spirit pervading the Chapter to "foster a true patriotism and love of country."

The John Pettigrew Chapter, of Milford, does not report great growth this year. On account of serious illness in the family of the Regent, Miss Syrena J. Hall, the regular meetings were for a time suspended, but the members were "up and doing" their part to relieve the sick and suffering soldiers. Boxes of clothing, food and reading matter were sent to Fortress Monroe, also twelve dollars in money to the War Relief Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH CLARKE CHURCHMAN,
State Regent.

ILLINOIS.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: The excellent work which has been accomplished by the State of Illinois in past years has surely been equalled during the year 1898. In this State, as in many others, the special work to be recorded is that which has been done with much loyalty for our brave soldiers and sailors during the late war.

It might be imagined that but little would have been done in active aid of our heroes, as the State is situated so far from the coasts, but on the contrary the intensity of patriotic fervor was not exceeded by our historic colonial States. Not only did Illinois give the flower of her youth to the defense of her country, but her women have given without stint of their time and money, and with a spirit of loving patriotism that could not be surpassed.

The War Relief work which was so promptly organized and so efficiently conducted by the Daughters of the American Revolution Hospital Corps in Washington, proved of engrossing interest to most of the Chapters in Illinois, and the urgent appeals she sent over the State and the gathering together the record of what had been done in each Chapter has occupied the State Regent far more than the appointment for new Regents for Chapters. However this part of the work is in the most encouraging condition also.

The total number of organized Chapters in the State of Illinois is twenty-four; of that number four have been added during the past year, namely, Elgin, Miss Mae Davidson, Regent, twelve members; Dixon, Mrs. Dorothy N. Law, Regent, thirteen members. The Dixon Chapter gave many supplies to the soldiers and sailors and in spite of being newly organized and with a membership of but thirteen, spared from its meagre treasury the sum of two dollars toward the purchase of the Meadow Garden Farm. Fifty-six articles were contributed by this Chapter for the war relief work. Alton, Mrs. Franklin W. Olin, Regent, thirteen members; Geneseo, Mrs. Ella N. Taylor, Regent, eighteen members.

The State Regent has visited, during the past year, Bloomington, Alton, Moline, Rock Island, Springfield and Evans-

ton. The following named Regents have been appointed: Knoxville, Miss Emma Pease Howard; Chester, Mrs. Henry C. Cole; Pontiac, Mrs. P. W. Woodrow; Prophetstown, Mrs. M. K. Haddenway; La Moille, Mrs. E. A. Rosine; Champaign, Miss Mary B. Willis.

I am in correspondence with Galesburg, Danville and several other places in the interest of organization.

The State Conference was held in Bloomington the first week in May. We had the pleasure of having with us Mrs. Adlai Ewing Stevenson, Honorary President General; Mrs. Daniel Manning, President General; Mrs. John N. Jewett, Vice-President General; Mrs. Henry M. Shepard, State Regent; and the twenty Chapters throughout the State were represented by Regents or their alternates.

Every arrangement had been made with the utmost care for the comfort of the delegates, who were the guests of the Letitia Green Stevenson Chapter, by its Regent, Mrs. Harvey C. de Motte. A large evening reception was held, to which all the members of our Society and many distinguished guests were invited. Later in the evening more than three hundred and fifty people were entertained at a banquet and many fine speeches were made under the supervision of Mrs. de Motte, who proved an excellent toastmaster.

The following day a business meeting was held from ten in the morning until five o'clock. Delightful reports were read from each of the twenty organized Chapters and several resolutions were passed for the advancement of the work in Illinois.

The Chapter gave a flag to the volunteer troops; furnished 1,249 articles for the hospitals, and supported the families of five soldiers during their absence at the front.

The Chicago Chapter, Regent, Mrs. Julia Booth Dickinson, has added 100 new members, making a total of 653 in all. It is supporting a Real Daughter of a revolutionary soldier and has taken care of her entire family during the extreme cold of the past winter.

The Chapter has offered two prizes during the past year for the best essay on the subject of "Influence of the Puritan Element in the Formation of American Character;" one being

a life membership in the Chapter and the other the annual dues for three years. The first prize was won by Mrs. Frank R. Fuller and the second by Mrs. Robert B. Farson.

In addition to the regular literary meetings of the Chapter and the observance of our National holidays, including Flag Day, a large reception was given early in the year in honor of our President General, Mrs. Daniel Manning.

In July a charming lawn fête was given at the suburban residence of one of our members for the benefit of the War Relief Fund, which deserves special mention for the completeness of its arrangements and the unusual beauty of the decorations. It is interesting to note that it occurred on the day when the news was received of the surrender of Santiago.

The war relief work in the Chicago Chapter was carried on with the greatest vigor, the total amount of money raised being nearly \$900. The number of garments made was 2,065 and 1,511 magazines and books were sent to the invalid soldiers and sailors. But no statistics could convey the ardent enthusiasm and loving self-denial exercised by the Daughters of this and many smaller Chapters throughout the State.

The Shadrach Bond Chapter, Mrs. Laura M. Noyes, Regent, subscribed for the *AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE* for the reading room in the Public Library and the "Spirit of '76" for the reading room of the Carthage College.

Fort Dearborn Chapter, Mrs. William Holabird, Regent, until November, when her successor, Mrs. Nelson C. Gridley, was elected, held frequent literary meetings, and during the summer worked for the soldiers in connection with other patriotic women of their city.

In November when the State Regent visited the Chapter, a reception was given for her, at which time she gave a brief account of the work which had been accomplished in Illinois during the year. This Chapter furnished a flag on Flag Day to each child in the public schools.

The North Shore Chapter, Miss Le Bar, Regent, has a membership of thirty-seven, showing an increase of three. Mrs. William C. Egan was Regent during the war, and under her efficient management the Chapter took care of the families

of the soldiers at Fort Sheridan during the absence of the regiments and sent delicacies to the invalids on their return. The Chapter also gave engravings and photographs to the public schools and paid the tuition for one year at a boarding school for two boys whose father died at Santiago.

The Rev. James Caldwell Chapter, Regent, Mrs. Fannie Bancroft Weir, has a membership of forty-five, showing an increase of nine. The Chapter presented a flag to the volunteer troops and later furnished many comforts to the convalescent soldiers.

The Chapter also placed the AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE in the Public Library; also gave \$15.00 in money, and 140 articles to the war relief work.

Mrs. Gates Strawn has been Regent until within a month, when her term of office having expired, Mrs. Weir was elected.

The Kewanee Chapter, Mrs. James K. Blish, Regent, has a membership of seventeen, showing an increase of four. The Chapter held its regular literary meetings as usual and in January voted \$5.00 to the Lafayette fund.

The Lincoln Chapter has a membership of twenty-six, showing an increase of one during the past year. This Chapter gave to the war fund the sum of \$87.00. In October this Chapter sent to the Treasurer General \$59.00 for the benefit of the soldiers and sailors, also \$5.00 to the Lafayette fund. The Chapter has one Real Daughter and two life members. Mrs. David Gillespie was Regent until a few weeks since. Mrs. Adeline G. Bates is now Regent.

The Moline Chapter, Mrs. Charles H. Deere, Regent, sent \$25.00 to Camp Thomas, Chickamauga. Twenty dollars also sent to the general Daughters of the American Revolution War Relief Fund. About the middle of November the State Regent visited Moline and was entertained at the home of the Regent, Mrs. Deere, and she has most happy recollections of the reception given for her by the Moline Chapter.

All the friends from Rock Island and Davenport Chapters were invited and most of them were present. The reception was unique, as the members of the Moline Chapter were in colonial costume and during the latter part of the afternoon much practical information was given in regard to national

and State work. Before leaving the Regent held a business meeting and the members of Moline, Rock Island and Davenport Chapters were present.

The Warren Chapter, Regent, Mrs. Ida J. Burns, has a membership of thirty-one, showing an increase of seven. The Chapter, though laboring under serious difficulties, sent two nurses to minister to the needs of the sick in the Sternberg Hospital, Chickamauga Park, and they sent a box weighing one hundred pounds filled with sheets and shirts, quantities of linen and muslin for bandages and various other hospital supplies.

The George Rogers Clark Chapter, Mrs. J. M. Baker, Regent, has a membership of fifty-five, increase of four during the past year. A small library of historic works was presented to the local library in the name and to the memory of General George Rogers Clark on November 19, 1897, and during 1898 an addition was made of three standard volumes on American history.

The war relief work was pursued under the former Regent, Mrs. Grace S. Davidson, and \$15.00 in money and 578 articles were forwarded to the hospitals.

The Illini Chapter, Mrs. W. P. Parker, Regent, (former Regent, Mrs. Phoebe Sherwood), in addition to its ordinary work raised a very large sum of money—nearly a thousand dollars, besides furnishing 202 garments for the hospitals.

The Peoria Chapter, Mrs. Alexander Tyng, Regent, gave \$20.00 toward the ice fund in hospital, Chickamauga, Georgia.

The Princeton Chapter, Mrs. Austin Reeve, Regent, raised \$25.00 and furnished 279 articles for hospital use.

The Dorothy Quincy Chapter, Miss Cornelia Collins, Regent, established a Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Society, assisted in giving a flag to the sailors, assisted in raising \$600.00 and furnished to the hospitals over two hundred garments. As the Regent of the Chapter was absent from home on account of illness, Mrs. T. Dewey Woodruff took charge of the war relief work.

The Chapter also assumed expense of caring for a typhoid fever patient at a private hospital, furnished breakfasts and

dinners to soldiers and sailors on departure and arrival and sent books and magazines to eight United States warships.

The Rockford Chapter, Regent, Mrs. John M. Barnes, has a membership of ninety-nine, showing an increase of three. The war relief work was carried on under the auspices of the former Regent, Mrs. H. W. Taylor, and 225 garments and \$25.00 in money were furnished for the hospitals.

The Fort Armstrong Chapter, Regent, Mrs. James M. Buford, former Regent, Mrs. Annette G. Kimball, has a membership of forty-nine, showing an increase of twelve. The Chapter in addition to its ordinary work sent 161 articles to the hospital. During the visit of the State Regent in November, the Fort Armstrong Chapter gave a charming evening reception. A delightful paper was read by one of the members and several fine addresses made.

The Amor Patriae Chapter, Regent, Mrs. S. Williams, has a membership of twenty, showing an increase of seven.

The Chapter of Springfield, Mrs. Charles V. Hickox, Regent, the capital of our State and the historic town which was the home of Lincoln, was the first in Illinois and the second in the Union to make an organized effort in aid of the soldiers. Camp Tanner and Camp Lincoln, the large State camps were located there, and hardly had the troops arrived when, in May, the members of the Chapter gave an evening fête which was a very great success. The sum of \$267.00 was realized, and was given to the First Illinois Volunteer Cavalry and the Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry for hospital purposes, and proved of inestimable value, coming as it did before government funds were available.

Later \$25.00 was sent to the United States Daughters of the American Revolution War Fund and \$70.00 was used for the sick soldiers in camp, so that in all this devoted Chapter of twenty-six members raised \$362.70.

The large camps being located at Springfield gave unusual stimulus to work of the Chapter for the soldiers, but it would be impossible to describe the zeal of the members or to appreciate too highly their tender, personal ministrations.

Upon the return of the troops in the autumn the members of this Chapter, in connection with other patriotic women of

the city secured one of the large high school buildings and put it in perfect order as a temporary hospital. When the sick soldiers were brought into the building upon each of the dainty white cots was found a fresh set of pajamas and a bouquet of flowers upon the pillow. This care was continued until the soldiers had recovered health and strength, when for the first time the Springfield Chapter rested from its labors.

In November the State Regent spent a very delightful day with this Chapter. The year just closed has been satisfactory in every way in the State of Illinois. The Regent has received the constant courtesy and the greatest possible kindness from every Chapter, and only wishes it had been in her power to continue the work for another year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES WELLES SHEPARD,
State Regent.

INDIANA.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: The State of Indiana has the pleasure to report for the past year a steady growth and prosperity in the ranks of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

I have been privileged to sign charters for the Huntington Chapter and the New Albany Chapter during the year, the requisite number of charter members having been secured in 1897.

We now have nine organized Chapters and at several points there is promise of later developments. The State organization now numbers about four hundred and seventy-five members.

We started entirely on lines of social organization, but during the past stirring year, we have developed a large amount of patriotism and promising capacity for patriotic work.

I had, as early as last August, the pleasure to report to the War Committee an expenditure of about seven hundred dollars, as well as a vastly greater amount of labor. This was

from six of our nine organized Chapters, and two Regents of unorganized Chapters. In addition Mrs. Hawkins, of Brazil, sent an immune nurse to the front. Much other patriotic work has been done in connection with other organizations, particularly the Grand Army of the Republic and the Colonial Dames, despite the fact that a large proportion of our members were away from their several Chapters during the entire summer.

At least four of our nine organized Chapters have regular club programs, and all are studying revolutionary history. The graves of revolutionary soldiers are receiving much attention; and through our Chapters much has been quietly done to enthuse the children of our schools with love of our country and our flag.

We have just sent to the National Society well-attested papers of another Real Daughter, Mrs. Adelaide Hassey, of Cicero, Indiana.

Our Honorary State Regent, Mrs. C. C. Foster, of Indianapolis, is at the head of a committee which is now preparing a State Lineage Book. This will be of great practical use to our present and prospective members, and of great historic value to the State. In Indiana as in other western States are gathered revolutionary families from all the original States—descendants of King's Mountain heroes, the Brandywine fighters, and Lexington volunteers settled side by side or have been swept on together by the western course of empire. I have recently found that in Lawrenceburg Mrs. Caroline Major Hayes, appointed Regent by the National Society, lives now on the first tract of land purchased from the United States Government in Indiana. Her great-great-grandfather, Captain Joseph Hayes, of Pennsylvania, was ruined by the Revolution and started anew with his grown sons-in-law in Dearborn County. Mrs. Hayes and her husband both trace their lineage to Captain Hayes, a fact which was not known until Mrs. Hayes and her daughter, Mrs. Bauer, joined the Daughters of the American Revolution.

As State Regent I have written many letters, and when the war closed had with much thought and labor gotten a relief work well in hand for the home coming and the autumn work

of the various Chapters, and was secure in their coöperation. This had been my work for the summer, but happily made useless by the close of the war.

Looking over the field of action which is before the Daughters of the American Revolution, several phases of the work strongly appeal to me personally. Among these are: The construction of Memorial Hall, the founding of National University in connection with the Government's treasures of archaeology, history and literature, and a wise sanitary and humane coöperation with the officers of the Army and Navy. I am sorry that my work for the Society has this past year been greatly limited by imperative and unexpected work in my home.

Submitting the reports of Chapters, Mrs. George Sloan, Secretary, reports for the Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter:

This Chapter now numbers one hundred and thirty-five members, and since the report last year has held four regular and five called meetings. The Executive Board has held eighteen regular or formal meetings, and during the summer, almost daily informal meetings, to meet the necessities of our soldiers in camp and at the front. In April, 1898, there was held by the Chapter an exhibit including one week of the Scribner collection of revolutionary pictures which yielded a good sum of money. The summer was a busy time for this organization, many of the ladies meeting at the home of the Recording Secretary to cut and distribute work for the relief and comfort of our soldiers. The Chapter assisted the Colonial Dames by donating money to their hospital fund, and by actively assisting in making hospital shirts. The Chapter made and sent to the Indiana soldiers in camp over six hundred flannel stomachers, and by request sent to the other towns in the State patterns and samples of those stomachers, made and sent supplies of nurses' aprons to the hospitals, made 166 hospital shirts, 40 suits of pajamas, sent quantities of literature, canned fruits and jellies, and in May presented to the first regiment leaving this city for service, a regimental flag of the regulation design, and through the Chapter many articles of comfort were contributed to our soldiers during the entire campaign. At a recent meeting of this Chapter, it was

voted to give \$25.00 to the Memorial Hall fund and \$10.00 to the Franco-American Memorial fund.

Mrs. Thomas, Regent of the Dorothy Q. Chapter at Crawfordsville, reports eighteen members against fourteen at the commencement of the year, and two other probable members. They have sent two dozen nurses' aprons to Atlanta, and have held five meetings. Their program for the year is fascinating in its literary and patriotic subjects. The officers are: Regent, Mrs. Josephine Tuttle Thomas; Vice-Regent, Martha Lowes Williamson; Secretary, Sophie Crane Ristine; Treasurer, Rose Campbell Anderson; Registrar, Belle Sprague; Historian, Lillian Blair.

The Regent of General de Lafayette Chapter reports for season of 1897 to 1898:

The General de Lafayette Chapter, of Lafayette, Indiana, held the first meeting of its fifth year on September 6, 1898, that date being the birthday anniversary of him for whom the Chapter was named. The officers are: Regent, Mrs. James Fowler; Vice-Regent, Mrs. Thomas Andrew; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Aukeny; Corresponding Secretary, Miss H. Bertha Foresman; Registrar, Mrs. W. H. Moore; Treasurer, Miss Lou Bogg; Historian, Miss Kate Andrew.

At the present writing, January, 1898, we have a membership of eighty-two. Since this time in 1898 eight have resigned, two been transferred and two have died. Two new members have been added with others in consideration. The program this year consists of a study of those men and their families who have helped to make American history—Washington, Adams, General de Lafayette, etc. At our first open meeting December 6th, Prof. T. F. Moran, of Purdue University, gave us a most delightful and comprehensive paper on "The Significance of the American Revolution." The Chapter followed its usual custom of keeping "open house" on New Year's Day, and received many friends at the home of the Regent, Mrs. James M. Fowler, most of the Daughters being attired in Colonial costume.

Those appointed this year to attend the Eighth Continental Congress at Washington are: Regent, Mrs. James M. Fowler;

Alternate, Mrs. Albert Stahl; Delegate, Miss C. Bertha Foresman; Alternate, Mrs. Mary E. Parker.

In August last the Daughters made and sent a box of bands and other articles to the soldiers in Florida. Although our Chapter shows a loss in regard to members, I think the interest has increased. We have not lost working members.

The Paul Revere Chapter, of Muncie, has had a prosperous and brilliant year. Their printed program of meetings shows both patriotism and intellectual ability. In July the Chapter held a successful lawn fête which netted \$300.00. This was converted into hospital supplies by the labor of the Chapter members and their friends. The earnest and capable Regent is Mrs. W. H. Marsh; Vice-Regent, Mrs. Robert Hemingray; Secretary, Mrs. Thaddeus A. Neely; Treasurer; Mrs. Julia Heinsohn; Registrar, Miss Nanie C. Love.

The Chapter Regent of Huntington Chapter, Mrs. Anna S. Hawley, reports:

The Huntington Chapter now numbers twenty-four members. Two Daughters have been transferred to other Chapters during the year. Our officers are the same as last year, with the exception of our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. S. Wells, who now holds the same position at Paducah, Kentucky. Our officers are: Regent, Mrs. W. W. Hawley; Vice-Regent, Mrs. E. L. Griffith; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. C. Windle; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Rose Forman; Treasurer, Mrs. J. T. Alexander; Registrar, Mrs. E. T. Taylor; Historian, Mrs. N. Sessions.

We hold meetings every month from October till May, inclusive, at which we have roll-call answered by patriotic quotations, business and a literary program, followed by refreshments.

During the past year we have had two open meetings. In April the anniversary of the battle of Lexington was observed at the home of the Regent. Over one hundred were present. The decorations, program and refreshments were all greatly praised.

In November the first Thanksgiving was commemorated at the pleasant home of the Historian, fifty Daughters and guests being present. The Daughters were all in Puritan

costume. The decorations, program, toasts and Thanksgiving supper combined to make it one of the finest entertainments ever given in the city.

Our Chapter has sent \$5.00 to the Hospital Corps, besides large quantities of supplies and \$98.31 sent by Mrs. Adeline Meachan, one of our members at LaGrange. We have sent \$2.20 to the Meadow Garden fund and \$5.00 to the Lafayette Monument Fund.

Our Chapter is very enthusiastic and expects to celebrate Washington's birthday in fitting manner. All the officers and Program Committee are very faithful and prompt in the performance of duty. We expect to be represented at the coming Congress, Washington, by Mrs. J. S. Brown, of LaGrange.

The Regent of the New Albany Chapter, Mrs. Mary E. Cardwill, reports:

In January, 1898, a few ladies of revolutionary ancestors met by invitation at the home of Mrs. Mary E. Cardwill to discuss the feasibility of forming a Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Miss Cardwill had been appointed prospective Regent of a prospective Chapter in New Albany by State Regent Mrs. C. C. Foster, sometime before, but had been unable at long range even to discover what material she had to work upon. One other lady, however, in the city, had before this meeting become a member of the National Organization upon Miss Cardwill's solicitation. The meeting in January proved to be one almost of enthusiasm and another meeting was appointed to be held at the same place in February. At this second meeting Mrs. Sarah H. Henton, a member of the John Marshall Chapter, Louisville, was present and gave an interesting talk. A few application blanks which the Regent had on hand were distributed, and another meeting appointed for March. At the March meeting a preliminary organization was formed, the prospective Regent appointing the officers, who were to be also the officers in the Chapter, which it was determined to form as soon as the requisite number of national members could be obtained.

Before the April meeting, nine sets of application blanks

had been forwarded to Washington, seven of these were accepted by the National Board in April. Four more applications were sent before the May meeting. At that meeting, held with the Misses Hedden, the acceptance of seven of the applications by the National Board was announced. Three more sets of papers had been approved by the National Registrar, so that there was a certainty of the requisite number for the organization of the Chapter in June. It was decided that such action should be taken, and at the time chosen to be in commemoration of the battle of Bunker Hill. The meeting was held at the home of the prospective Secretary, Mrs. Helen Mar Fawcett, but the organization was unanimously postponed until October, because several ladies who especially wished to be charter members, had not been able to have their papers approved. This June meeting was the last one held by the preliminary organization and was a delightful literary, musical and social event.

At all the preliminary meetings historical papers or relations were read, patriotic songs sung and there were other exercises held, such as those we expected to hold in our Chapter meetings.

During the summer four more applications for membership in the National Society were made and in September six of the seven applicants having been approved by the Registrar, were accepted by the National Board.

October 15, 1898, the New Albany, Indiana, Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was formed with eighteen members. The meetings were held at the home of Miss Annabella Smith, a few miles in the country, on ground which was a part of the original grant to George Rogers Clarke and his soldiers. No name was given to the Chapter, though it is hoped that one will soon be found.

December 30th a special meeting was held in the evening and called the charter meeting. At that time the charter was presented to the Chapter by the Regent. The members dressed in colonial costumes. A limited number of guests were invited, and in addition to the fine literary and musical program, a supper was served, making the evening a notable social event.

The meetings of the Chapter are held usually the third Saturday afternoon in each month. The meetings are opened with the Lord's Prayer said in concert, after which "America" is sung. A business meeting is followed by literary exercises and music, and sometimes at the close light refreshments are served.

The Chapter has no work outside of the Chapter to report. The failure to organize in time made work as a Chapter for the War Relief Committee impossible, but this was really unnecessary since the work was accomplished through other organizations or by individual effort.

Before this report is read a committee will be appointed in the Chapter to look up graves of revolutionary soldiers in the vicinity, and other work of a like broader scope inaugurated. The Chapter hopes to be an active and useful one.

Since its organization two members have been added and a third is awaiting certain acceptance at Washington. The officers and members are: Regent, Mary E. Cardwill; Vice-Regent, Mrs. Frances Rice Maginness; Secretary, Mrs. Helen Mar Fawcett; Registrar, Miss Fannie M. Hedden; Historian, Mrs. Martha T. H. Gwin; Treasurer, Miss Anna E. Cardwill; Mrs. Annie Evans, Miss Estelle Kinder Sowle, Miss Emma D. Dewhurst, Miss Mary Annabella Smith, Miss Susan Eleanor Hooper, Miss Theodosia C. Hedden, Mrs. Anna White Greene, Mrs. Margaret Mitchel Johnson, Miss Carrie B. Webster, Miss Alice L. Greene, Miss Anna M. Fitch Bragdon, Miss Clara Kimball Bragdon, charter members. Chairman Program Committee, Miss Theodosia C. Hedden.

Miss Clara Funk and Mrs. Harriet U. Steele have been added to the roll since the organization.

Mrs. Lavinia H. Fowler, Regent of the Spencer Chapter, reports:

The Spencer Chapter has no great deeds to relate or wonderful events to describe, but there is a little leaven at work and I am happy to report a healthy growing condition. Two new members have been added since our last report, now having fifteen members. We call ourselves a history class. We meet once a month and study Indiana history. We observe Flag Day and the Fourth of July; at these meetings the children are invited and are given part in the program.

Our annual meeting is February 25th, George Rogers Clarke Day. At this meeting guests are invited, especially our husbands and sons. We are still looking after the revolutionary graves. I made a journey last fall to visit our real son, who is very old and is confined to his bed with a broken hip, will never sit up again. While his mind is weak from age, yet he told me the story very clearly of the battle of "The Cowpens" just as his father pictured it to him. A number of our ladies take "The Spirit of '76" and receive much help from it. We also take the "Indianion," which guides us in our history class.

But it with pleasure I refer to the war work. We are proud that Spencer Chapter has a representative on the field, Miss Mary Craig, Fort McPherson, Georgia. She writes us thrilling letters of her work. We contributed two boxes of things necessary in hospital work and some luxuries to McPherson and Chickamauga. Both were officially acknowledged.

Mrs. Harriet McCoy, Regent of the Renssaeler Chapter, reports thirty-one members, interesting meetings and much work planned for the coming year.

The Vanderburgh Chapter, of Evansville, reports through the Secretary, Mrs. Jennie S. Sonntag:

The Vanderburgh Chapter, of Evansville, is in a strong and growing condition. The membership to date is twenty. Regent, Mrs. Lucy B. Walker; Vice-Regent, Mrs. Francis H. Roach; Secretary, Mrs. Jennie S. Sonntag; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Van H. Ingle; Historian, Mrs. Helen Ames; Registrar, Dr. Francis Cantrall.

The study of the battles fought during the years 1778-1779 has been pursued with much interest. Our Regent, who was appointed a delegate to the National Congress, will be unable to attend. Her alternate, Mrs. Francis M. Roach, expects to take her place.

Mrs. Hawkins, Regent Brazil, did efficient work in securing and placing an immune nurse.

Mrs. Brown, the Regent at Fort Wayne, is inclined to give up her work.

Mrs. Latta, of Goshen, appointed Regent, is in California in poor health. She gave \$25 toward the war fund, but has not been able to enlist others.

Mrs. Bogeman, of Poseyville, reports herself unable to secure a Chapter thus far, though there are more than enough eligible ladies.

Mrs. Machan, of LaGrange, and Mrs. Brown, of that place, have joined the Huntington Chapter "temporarily." Mrs. Machan has raised \$117.99 for various purposes of the war work. The Huntington Chapter stands credited with \$98.31 of this. Mrs. Machan is an invalid, and her energy and good will are beyond praise.

Mrs. Hayes, of Lawrenceburg, is still trying to secure a Chapter and strongly hopes to be able to do so in the coming year.

Mrs. Stormont, of Princeton, has been much fettered by affliction in her family.

I am disappointed that there is yet no Chapter formed either in Bloomington or Ellettsville.

Mrs. Major has not yet secured her twelve in Shelbyville.

Mrs. Fraser is quite willing to give up the work in Warsaw. There are very many clubs and societies in Warsaw.

There is hope of a strong Chapter in Richmond.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH F. ATKINS,
State Regent.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: In presenting my report for the current year, I extremely regret that I can say nothing materially different from what was set forth in my last year's showing. Yet I do not feel entirely discouraged as to the success of our cause in this part of our great country. I feel sure the time will come when some one who is to be my successor in the office of State Regent for Indian Territory, will have the satisfaction of sending up reports that will be occasion for great pleasure

to the entire management. In order of nature seedtime must precede the harvest.

It becomes my duty to record the death of Mrs. Gulielma Ross Davenport, who departed this life December 25, 1898. She had but recently been made a member of our Society, and, in view of her qualifications for the service, I was hoping she would be an important leader in the line of our work. I had fixed my mind on her as a person suitable to fill any office to which she might be called in the Territory. But divine providence had ordained otherwise and took her to join the sisterhood of angels within the veil.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WALTER A. DUNCAN,
State Regent.

IOWA.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: As an evidence of the steady, strong and healthful growth of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Iowa I am proud to bring to you to-day not only the greetings of fifteen organized Chapters, but representation by delegates on the floor of this Congress from all but three.

The growth in organization of Chapters has been constant and though at times it has seemed slow, the various impediments to rapid growth are fast disappearing. The old method of tracing lineage by correspondence alone has given way to the quicker and better methods of research made possible through the National Society and the various students who have taken up the work of tracing the genealogy of families and the records not accessible to the majority of persons applying for membership in our Society.

Where the zeal and zest of even one member has shown itself in a community there often the work has progressed with such surprising and inspiring rapidity that a Chapter has been formed while places seemingly more promising have oftentimes taken far more time to perfect their organization, which facts and argument seem to prove conclusively that the growth

of our work is dependent far more upon the persons entrusted with it than upon the place in which it is started.

There are in Iowa many eligible parties and many national members scattered throughout the State who desire affiliation with organized Chapters, feeling the truth of the fact that without association and stimulation interest in any project soon lags and enthusiasm for it soon dies. Firmly believing that the Chapter is the foundation stone which makes our structure firm, I have made most earnest effort this the closing year of my active service as State Regent to bring all members-at-large into Chapters and to combine isolated nuclei of Chapters in process of formation into a common center until such time as individual separate Chapters might be formed. Though Iowa cannot claim the privileges and distinction of the colonial States, she is striving to encourage in every one, and in every way possible, patriotic endeavor and to rescue from oblivion the names of Iowa heroes, whose deeds of valor entitle them to reeognition.

The second method of organizing Chapters as given in the Constitution has been the one generally followed by me in the State and has proved most successful. The appointment of one Daughter as Regent in a district or village has brought to that locality not only the information and assistance so much needed by those who seek it, but has invariably been the secret of success in forming Chapters. With few exceptions all Regents of my appointment during the four years of my term of office, have reported the formation of Chapters.

Of the five Chapters organized the promising feature is their progress toward the requisite twelve members. Cedar Rapids and West Union of the larger towns of the State are still unorganized.

Much care has been taken in the selection of those who were to assume the responsibility of organization and efficiency has been the key-note of their success.

As to the line of work undertaken in Chapters the general statement that all follow the study of American history with the commemoration of patriotic anniversaries will cover the ground, though if space were mine I would give special proxi-

nence to the noticeable departures in the manner of entertainments.

The one great fact that overshadows all else in importance as an outcome of the experiences of the year is the demonstrated one that where Chapters have a definite object to work for there interest and enthusiasm have marvelous growth.

In the war relief work the Daughters of the American Revolution found a channel for their patriotic services and with efficiency that challenges the admiration of all observers has won its place as a thoroughly organized sisterhood, able to assist the Government in any hour of national need.

Since Iowa made no special report of work done through the summer in war relief, a short summary from each Chapter is added in this report of the regular Chapter sessions.

The oldest Chapter in Iowa, the Abigail Adams, Mrs. E. G. Pratt, Regent, has fifty-eight active and loyal members. Regular monthly meetings where business followed by the much-enjoyed social hour have kept up the interest in the Society and made organized work in the city through its channels in war relief easy, quick and satisfactory. November 30th marked a day of great pleasure in the Chapter's history when, with the Sons of the American Revolution, a joint celebration was held and cordial relations already established between the Societies strengthened.

A New Year tea, an innovation in our Chapter celebrations, was highly successful, bringing together husbands, children and friends in most informal and friendly manner. The Chapter is proud of its two Real Daughters, Mrs. L. A. Andrews and Mrs. Lucy F. Sibley. Contributions to the soldiers, \$100.00; Lafayette Monument, \$10.00; Meadow Garden Farm, \$2.00. A regimental flag now with the troops at Manila was a gift from the Chapter.

Dubuque Chapter, Mrs. Fannie B. Tredway, Regent, numbers fifty members. Seven Chapter meetings have been held at the residence of members. Two social meetings, one a banquet, February 22d, the other Flag Day picnics, brought the members in friendly relations and proved the value of such diversion in keeping alive the sentiment of patriotism and reverence for the Nation's heroes. The study of historic characters

has been the regular outline of work and stimulated interest in this hitherto too-much neglected branch of knowledge. Through the efforts of our State Regent, Mrs. Clara A. Cooley, \$30.00 was raised in the Chapter for the war fund; Lafayette Monument, \$20.00; Meadow Garden, \$3.00.

The local War Relief Association, of Dubuque, which made for itself so fine a record in its contribution of over six hundred dollars and in its work done for the Iowa soldiers, was aided by the State Regent and a few of the local Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Clinton Chapter, the banner Chapter of Iowa, numbering one hundred, meets monthly with a program of carefully-prepared papers on historical topics. A suggestive departure which might be followed to advantage in large Chapters elsewhere is the division of the membership into three sections, each in turn making the plans, defraying all the expenses of one entertainment during the year, each division acting under an efficient chairman. To these celebrations all Chapter members are invited. While the literary and social features of the Clinton Chapter programs are successful it is to their patriotic work that credit is due. A patriotic festival tea was the means of raising \$700.00, of which \$400.00 went to the National Daughters of the American Revolution. A contribution of \$100.00 to Continental Hall, Lafayette Monument, \$25.00.

Chariton, Sarah McCalla Chapter, named in honor of a noble, heroic woman, whose memory is revered by all true patriots, has for its Regent Corilla C. Lewis, writer of the patriotic song, "The Old Thirteen." Regular meetings of the Chapter have been marked by increase of interest and while our numbers have not shown any great gain there has been an awakening of interest in the aims and objects of the Society and our own loyalty and support of the local Chapter has gained in fervor.

Sioux City, Martha Washington Chapter, Mrs. G. D. Stevens, Regent, has eighteen members, besides claiming a Real Daughter in the person of Mrs. Emily Nettleton Smith.

The Chapter has held ten regular meetings, five special

ones. It observed February 22d appropriately with a banquet in which the Sons of the American Revolution participated. During the Grand Army of the Republic Encampment, 1898, the local Chapter extended many courtesies to the visiting ladies of the organization. The AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE and "The Spirit of '76" are subscribed for by the Chapter for the benefit of its members, a suggestion which might be taken up by every Chapter wanting to make known to its Daughters the value of our publication.

Davenport, Hannah Caldwell Chapter, Mrs. Maria P. Peck, Regent, thirty-eight members. The programs of this Chapter are unique in appropriateness and interest. Political in part, as: Is the government of foreign territory by the United States advisable? patriotic, too, as: Is legislation needed for protection of the flag? social as well, as: Legitimate aims and place of hereditary societies. The discussion and participation in these questions has made of the regular meeting of members a time of great enjoyment as well as growth in knowledge of the practical questions of the day. In the war relief work the Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter did efficient service and made generous contributions.

Davenport claims no honor greater than the presence in its midst of two Real Daughters, Mrs. Electa A. Van Fleck and Mrs. Julia Ann Weaver.

The Hanna Caldwell Chapter has entertained the sister Chapters of Moline and Rock Island and gained help and inspiration from the hospitality extended. In order to keep the Chapter posted on Continental Hall progress a committee of members has been appointed to report to the Chapter all information gained.

Manchester, Martha Jefferson Chapter, Mrs. R. W. Tirril, Regent, has a record of constant and good work along the line of patriotic endeavor and has evinced in its historical study a growing interest in the aims and objects for which the Society was organized. In conjunction with the local War Relief Association, the Chapter did much valuable work. While the enthusiasm of large centers is lacking in the smaller towns of Iowa the incentive of patriotism depends not upon numbers

for its growth and Manchester Chapter has been a center in itself of zeal and enkindling patriotism.

Iowa City, Pilgrim Chapter, Mrs. Ella Lyon, Regent. As in most of the State Chapters regular meetings have been diversified by days of celebration. A Patriotic Tea netted the sum of \$40, which was divided between National Society and Home Company. The Chapter has an enthusiastic attendant member, a "Real Daughter," Mrs. Eliza Melvin Shrader.

Council Bluffs Chapter, Mrs. Charles C. McChesney, Regent. The work of the Chapter, while not striking in any particular, has had in its spirit and intent the power to do much in the community through its unquestioned influence as a strong and efficient agent in instilling patriotism. While its growth has not been rapid, it has been constant, and the harmonious relation of its members has made of its meetings, times of refreshment and inspiration. The Chapter worked with the Sanitary Commission during the summer and did much work for the home company at San Francisco.

Keokuk, while one of the youngest Chapters of the State, has surprised her older sisters with the energy and ability displayed in planning and carrying to successful issue many important lines of work. Miss Cora Pittman, Regent of this Chapter of only nineteen members, has supplied for the young people of Keokuk a reference library made up of Colonial and United States history in general, biographies, etc. This by consent of directors has been placed in Public Library of the city. A resolution on the Desecration of the Flag was passed by the Chapter, and copies sent to National Society and State Regent, as well as being published in the town papers with the hope of creating greater public sentiment on the question.

Relief work was continued all through the summer. If space permitted, a record of work would be given, to show what one small Chapter accomplished. The meetings of the Chapter are monthly, and held at the homes of members, so that the desirable quality of informality and friendliness is greatly increased. The membership grows steadily and the interest never lags.

Waterloo and Cedar Falls Chapter combined in most

friendly relation as one, on August 29th, Mrs. W. Richards, Regent. The work of the year has scarcely been entered upon, but with the efficiency of Mrs. Richards to sustain it in any undertaking, there is promise of much good in the future study and work of these two sister cities united by patriotic sentiment into one active Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Marshalltown, Spinning Wheel Chapter, Mrs. Anna B. Howe, Regent. This, the last of Iowa Chapters, completes the circle of fifteen. The enthusiasm with which the new Chapters enter into the work argue well for the advancement of the best interests of the Society at large as well as for greater love and devotion in service, to keeping alive the sentiments that have made this country what it is in greatness, wisdom and strength.

In retiring from the office of State Regent of Iowa, which office I have held for four consecutive years, I am not retiring in any sense from my accustomed and increasing interest in the prosperity of the great work before the Society. Surely the future will overshadow the past, and as my part of the work has been to organize, start and see the beginnings of greater things to come, I take special pride in turning over to my successor State work which has been started in almost every city of size in the State. For the encouragement of one who shall take up the active work which I am unwilling longer for lack of strength and time to continue, I am sure the real encouragement to labor will come to her as to me, through the one real and true source of gratefulness that the object of our Society is glorious, and that its aim crowns the work.

I hope for the future of the Society it has been my pleasure to serve, Unity in power, Harmony in action, Perseverance in purpose. To the National Board, whose countless courtesies have been a source of greatest pleasure to me in my work, I am now as always, grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA A. COOLEY,
State Regent.

KANSAS.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: I herewith submit my annual report of the work of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Kansas for the past year:

The third year of Topeka Chapter's existence has been marked by no special event save that of our late war and the interest which vital National issues must always arouse in a patriotic society.

The regular monthly meetings have been held throughout the year, also two special public meetings—the open meeting of February 22d, and the lawn social of July 20th. This last meeting was for the purpose of raising funds to aid the "Hospital Corps" of the National Society.

Eleven new names have been added to our list of membership, making a total of fifty names. Of this number four have been transferred to other Chapters or dismissed on account of removal from the city, and two have dropped out, leaving an active membership of forty-four ladies, of whom twenty-nine are residents of Topeka.

Several applicants whose papers have not yet been returned from Washington will soon come into active work.

A course of study in Civil Government and History of the United States which promises to be very interesting has been prepared and the work commenced. Those who have begun the study are much interested and look forward to a year of both pleasure and profit.

Officers for the coming year: Regent, Mrs. Geo. D. Hale; Vice-Regent, Mrs. A. L. Daniels; Secretary, Mrs. S. W. Harrison; Treasurer, Mrs. H. J. Cook; Registrar, Miss L. B. Maltoon; Historian, Mrs. Homer Boughton; Advisory Board, Mrs. A. H. Horton, Mrs. C. C. Baker, Mrs. S. E. Martin.

The Eunice Sterling Chapter numbers twenty-seven members, among whom is an original Daughter, Mrs. Jane Sellers Nighswonger, whose father, Howell Sellers, fought under General Lincoln in the siege of Savannah and in the battles of Briar Creek and Stone Ferry.

The Chapter meets regularly on the first Friday of each month at which time there is presented a program followed by luncheon and a social hour. During the winter of '97 and '98 the Chapter studied Colonial society, costumes, furniture, architecture, travel, music and literature. Excellent papers were presented on the above subjects, some of which were copiously illustrated. In October of this year the Committee on Program recommended reading George Sidney Fisher's *Men, Women and Manners in Colonial Times*. The Chapter is now engaged in reading this most interesting work.

On the anniversary of Washington's Wedding Day, January 6th, 1898, the Chapter held a reception at the home of its Vice-Regent. The guests invited were those only who were supposed to be eligible to the Society. The program consisted of music and songs interspersed with Washingtonia. The dining-room was beautifully decorated and illuminated with wax tapers. There was much merriment over the favors which were little boxes of wedding cake said to be one hundred and thirty-nine years old.

The annual banquet occurred on February 22d, at the Coronado club house, the Washington Chapter, No. 1, of the Sons of the American Revolution, joining with the Eunice Sterling Chapter in the function. There were about fifty covers laid. Music and songs followed the toasts and the oldest and staidest joined in the Sir Roger de Coverly dance with which the evening's festivities ended.

During the late war with Spain two nurses went out from Wichita under the auspices of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution: one, Miss Julia Woods, a graduate of the Illinois Training School for Nurses, recommended by the Secretary, was sent out in July, and later, the other, Miss Lenna D. Wilson, a graduate of the Baptist Training School of St. Louis, similarly recommended by the Regent of the Eunice Sterling Chapter.

On August 29th the Chapter joined the Washington Chapter in an informal picnic on the beautiful lawn of Mr. J. O. Davidson, a member of the Washington Chapter. A full delegation of both Chapters was present and a bountiful menu discussed and a royal good time enjoyed.

The Chapter has suffered from losses as follows: two members transferred to the Kansas City Chapter, one member transferred to the Hermitage Chapter, of Memphis, and one transferred to the Denver Chapter. The Chapter has gained one member from the Irondequoit Chapter and one from the Saranac Chapter, of New York.

During the year the Chapter has contributed to the fund for the purchase of the George Walton homestead in Augusta, Georgia, and to the Lafayette Memorial Fund.

I have delayed sending my annual report expecting to receive the annual report of the Betty Washington Chapter of Lawrence, Kansas. As yet it has not come. They regret exceedingly that they have no delegate to the Congress and rejoice in a membership at the end of two years of thirty-two. Three dollars were sent to the Lafayette Memorial, which makes their gifts for the year one-half the receipts. The newly elected Regent is Mrs. Mary B. Haskell.

I have the pleasure of reporting an incipient Chapter at Ottawa, Kansas, under the able management of Mrs. M. B. Ward, as Regent. As yet the required twelve are not ready, but vigorous work is being done by Mrs. Ward and Miss Babel Crawford toward organization. I prophesy a very enthusiastic Chapter in the above place, and hope they will soon be chartered.

With many regrets that I cannot attend the Congress, and with best wishes for the future success of the organization, I am earnestly a D. A. R.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MATTIE HAND,
State Regent.

KENTUCKY.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: The work of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Kentucky for the year of '98 has been of a most exceptional nature, and it is with regret I resist the temptation of giving full details of the work of each Chapter, so unselfish and truly patriotic do I consider the efforts made. In the generous response to calls for help during our late war, not

withstanding the warm weather, and absence of many, the record of even the smallest Chapters deserves most favorable mention. I sent a full report of the war work of our State to the War Committee, a greater part of which was published in the Magazine; several important donations of money we omitted, particularly \$200.00 sent from the Paducah Chapter, for the use of sick soldiers. Though a young and small Chapter, this is a most efficient one, noted for its patriotic zeal. Besides this liberal donation, many garments and provisions were sent to two different hospitals.

The Rebecca Bryan Boone Chapter sent a large box and subscribed weekly \$5.00 for medicines, ice, &c. This Chapter is busy collecting funds for repairing Boone Monument, and subscribed also its quota towards the Meadow Garden Farm fund.

The General Evan Shelby Chapter, of Owensboro, though small, lacks not the courage of the noble General whose memory its name will perpetuate, and is steadily accomplishing the objects of our Society.

The Boonesborough Chapter, of Richmond, in addition to a munificent box, subscribed \$25.00 to the war fund.

The General Samuel Hopkins Chapter, of Henderson, was one of the first to respond to the war appeal and contributed quantities of provisions, supplies and money to the amount of \$141.18; also to the Meadow Garden Farm \$2.00. Interest is increasing here, the monthly meetings largely attended and most entertaining and instructive, historical papers read.

The Elizabeth Kenton Chapter, of Covington, made and sent large supplies of useful articles and provisions to different hospitals. It has also taken an active interest in the bill upon "Desecration of Flag," voted \$25.00 to Continental Hall and \$3.00 to Meadow Garden Farm. The outlook for this Chapter for the coming year is bright and much enthusiasm is manifest.

The Lexington Chapter in May last celebrated "Dewey Day," and during same month presented a silk regimental flag, costing \$75.00, to the Second Kentucky Regiment, of United States Volunteers. The ceremony was a notable event. In June a handsome medal was awarded the pupil of public school

writing best essay on George Rogers Clark. In same month a "sewing room" was established for making garments for soldiers. Much was thus accomplished in July. Five boxes of delicacies were sent to Leiter Hospital in August. In August a "Garden Fête" was given for Volunteers, which was quite successful; in addition this Chapter sent to "Women's War Relief Association," \$90.00; to Daughters of the American Revolution War fund, \$11.00; to Camp Hamilton Hospital, \$50; expended for marking historical tablets, \$50.00, and for other patriotic objects, \$25.00.

Judge Samuel McDowell Chapter, Cynthiana, sent several expensive boxes packed with every imaginable good thing, valued collectively at \$400.00 and cash to the amount of \$29.60.

John Marshall Chapter, Louisville, is steadily increasing in membership and patriotic zeal. The most important work on hand is the erection of a monument to General George Rogers Clark, and during the past year \$301.06 has been raised for this purpose. To the Washington monument \$7.00 was contributed. On the 14th of June, "Flag Day," special services were held in Cave Hill cemetery, and several graves of revolutionary heroes were marked with handsome bronze markers. Contributed by request to war fund, 2,222 nurses' aprons, this representing over 6,000 yards of cotton and two months' hard work. Also \$25.70 towards Legion banquet and to Meadow Garden Farm, \$3.50.

The Susanna Hart Shelby Chapter, Versailles, sent a box of useful articles and provisions to sick soldiers, also check for \$85.00 through Miss Desha.

The Keturah Moss Taylor Chapter, Newport, ever ready for its part, and as usual to the front, presented a handsome gold medal to pupil of public school attaining highest average in special examination on History of American Revolution; gave \$20.00 to the war fund, made and sent 52 garments with various other donations, to Fort Thomas and Leiter Hospitals; contributed \$2.10 to Meadow Garden Farm; \$10.00 to Lafayette monument and purchased a handsome flag for Chapter use.

The Jemima Johnson Chapter, Paris, fairly distinguished itself this year on the good work, besides most generous donations of boxes of substantials and delicacies to the

amount of \$86.75; to the fund for "Battleship Kentucky," \$10.00; "Continental Hall," \$11.00, and Meadow Garden Farm, \$3.40. Mrs. Margaret Kenney Johnson, a "Real Daughter" of this Chapter, was presented last year with a silver spoon by the National Society. The brave little Madison County Chapter has shown most loyal fidelity to the National Society, and contributed a fair share to its demands, its quota to Meadow Garden Farm, and most liberally to "Battleship Kentucky;" during the summer sent valuable box to Atlanta, presented to Girl's School "Madison Institute" beautiful picture of Washington, and has declared its intention of next year working for the Continental Hall, our first and greatest monument.

In the past year I have actually mailed 560 letters including copies retained, and written nearly double the number. During my term of two years, established Chapters in the following places: Paducah, Winchester, Owensboro, Shelbyville, Danville and New Liberty; have Regents working industriously in Eminence, Middlesborough, Hopkinsville, Ashland, Georgetown and Mt. Sterling. The immense amount of war work during the spring and summer prevented greater results in the forming of new Chapters, but find this to have been universal. Being appointed by our President General, Mrs. Manning, one of five State Regents on the "Meadow Garden Farm" Committee to collect in every Chapter ten cents from each Daughter, I was extremely anxious to sustain the reputation of our State now in my keeping, and was pleased to learn from the Chairman, Mrs. Porter King, of Georgia, that my report compared most favorably with the others, having collected to February 16th, \$81.20, with check of \$6.20 received later, made total \$87.40; total amount collected by committees was \$230.00. Our State contributed most generously in 1897 to Continental Hall, and this year not only to this object, but in addition to both the Lafayette and Washington monuments, Meadow Garden Farm and several other objects of National interest.

Respectfully submitted,

A. HELM MAXWELL,
State Regent.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: Massachusetts has been from the time of the formation of our grand organization one of the foremost States in the performance of the duties set down in our Constitution, as the proper "objects of the Society," and has always been most active in perpetuating the memory of heroes, in preserving documents and relics, in historical research, in promoting school work and in all other ways calculated to inculcate and foster a spirit of patriotism.

The war cloud was just darkening the horizon when this Continental Congress met, a year ago, and a few of us thought then that our next task would be that contained in the clause of our Constitution which reads, "to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty."

When occasion came, the Chapters were busy in perpetuating the memories of the heroes of the past, but their energies were turned at once in the direction of the heroes of the future, to aid them in the great cause of Liberty.

Our war report has been many times told and needs no repetition here. The interrupted Chapter work stands like infrequent links in a noble chain, but is none the less valuable.

The death of our beloved State Regent, Mrs. T. M. Brown, of Springfield, in May, must be mentioned before our work.

She had served us well and faithfully for one year and had entered on the second term of service, when her illness and subsequent death bereft us. The State work met with slight interruption for the present State Regent was appointed to that office *pro tem*, and in September was unanimously chosen State Regent by the Chapter Regents in the State.

There are now 51 organized Chapters and 4 Regents who have no organized Chapters; 7 new Regents have been appointed and 8 Chapters organized since the last Continental Congress.

We have 3,026 members belonging to the State, 41 of whom are "Real Daughters," and the growing enthusiasm augurs well for the coming year. Seven new Charters have been issued, one re-issued and two Chapters, the Lucy Jackson and

Newton, have combined the first instance in Daughters of the American Revolution annals.

The historic wood owned by many Chapters in various forms seems worth recording here: the State Gavel is made from a piece of Faneuil Hall and was presented, three years ago, by William Ellery Chandler to the State Regent then in office; the Charter frame of the Old South Chapter is set with stars made of wood from the Frigate Constitution and the Washington Elm, and in it are embedded two crystals from the original chandelier which hung in the Old South Meeting House; the gavel of the same Chapter is from Griffith's Wharf, from which the tea was thrown overboard; the gavel of the Martha's Vineyard Chapter is of wood from the home of the Rev. Joseph Thaxter, first Chaplain of the Revolution; the Quequechan Chapter has a ruler made from John Hancock's house in Boston; the Abigail Adams gavel is from the Adams house in Quincy and the General Warren House in Roxbury; the Old Newbury Chapter has its Charter framed in wood from the Constitution; the Submit Clark gavel comes from Mt. Vernon from a tree said to have been planted by General Washington; the Paul Jones gavel from the Hartford and Kearsage and the Johanna Aspinwall's from the house which Peter Aspinwall built in Brookline in 1660. Lack of space alone prevents me from giving a longer list. The literary work has been along the regular lines, in papers on ancestry and in lectures by well known speakers.

The principal objects to which the Chapters have contributed are, the Statues of Washington and Lafayette, Continental Hall, the Hancock Clarke House at Lexington, the Lowell Memorial Park at Elmwood, the books for Mt. Vernon, the Association of Libraries, the repairs of Christ Church and the decoration of the new Paul Revere School, the last named having been a combined effort of five patriotic societies and well worthy of mention, from the fact of its being the first united effort of the revolutionary societies accomplished in perfect harmony and accord.

The Prudence Wright Chapter, one of our youngest, has appointed a Camera Committee to take photographs of all historic places and sites.

Other Chapters have placed tablets to mark historic sites. The General Israel Putnam Chapter, of Danvers, placed a tablet on the birthplace of the hero whose name it bears; John Adams tomb was similarly marked by the John Adams Chapter; the Sea Coast Defence Chapter reared a Liberty Pole in place of one torn down by British sailors in 1776; the Sarah Bradlee Fulton Chapter marked with a bronze tablet the site of the home of the Chapter mother; the Old South placed a tablet on the birthplace of Rev. S. T. Smith, the author of "America;" the Paul Revere Chapter honored its Chapter hero by presenting a valuable portrait of him, in oils, to the Paul Revere School; the Hannah Goddard Chapter gave to the same school a fine oil portrait of Major William Dawes, whose name is linked with that of Paul Revere in the story of the ride to Lexington. All the gifts of the Daughters of the American Revolution to this school are placed in one of the large class rooms, on the door of which is a handsome brass tablet, the gift of our State Regent.

Many of the Chapters follow the custom of decorating with flowers and wreaths the graves of revolutionary soldiers on Memorial Day, while others, notably the Lucy Knox, the Gen. Benjamin Lincoln, the Martha's Vineyard and the Sarah Bradlee Fulton, have marked these places permanently with the bronze markers of the Sons of the American Revolution. The grave of the youthful Submit Clark and her young husband has been found and will be removed by the Chapter bearing that name to a conspicuous site and suitably marked.

The work for the coming men and women is active; prizes for essays on historical subjects have been offered and appropriate works of art placed in the public schools.

The Massachusetts Regents keep in touch with the larger work through their State meetings and much interest is shown in them and in the annual State Conference, which was held this year at Fall River.

Our gracious President General, Mrs. Daniel Manning, honored us with her presence on this occasion and encouraged our efforts with kindly and well chosen words.

Let us hope the coming year may bring us many gala days

like that one, and that the prosperity and accomplishment of our Society may increase ten fold.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GEORGE F. FULLER,
State Regent.

MAINE.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: Another year has rolled away and again I am called upon to report the work done by the Chapters of Maine. This year has been one of strife, and our Daughters have given time and money freely for the soldiers and their families. Maine has done her part as well as she could, consequently the increasing of members and Chapters has not been great. The Daughters of Maine now number three hundred and fifty. There are ten Chapters and fourteen Chapter Regents. One Chapter, "General Knox," of Thomaston, has been organized, with a membership of thirty-two. A Regent has been appointed in Bethel. One Charter, Waterville, has been signed by me. Nearly all of the Chapters have taken up some work, either study or something of benefit to the place in which it exists. We have a State Council, which meets twice during the year, January and May. We find these meetings very helpful in many ways.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN FRYE WHITE,
State Regent.

MARYLAND.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: During the past year a more earnest and widespread interest in the noble aims and objects of our Society has been manifested in various portions of the State, and this interest I have endeavored to foster.

Two Chapter Regents have been appointed; a Chapter has

been organized at Annapolis, and fittingly named the Peggy Stewart Tea Party Chapter; and one is in process of formation in Prince George County.

The work of the Baltimore Chapter, Mrs. J. Thomson Mason, Regent, has been interesting and important. At the suggestion of the State Regent, a medal was offered for the best essay on Revolutionary History, written by a pupil of the Female High Schools. The medal, a very handsome one, designed especially for the Chapter by Caldwell & Company, was awarded to Miss Lulu Smith, of the Eastern High School. So much interest was shown by the pupils, and those connected with the schools, that the Chapter decided to offer another medal, to be given on March 25th—the subject to be "Maryland Troops in the Revolutionary War."

This Chapter was most active and liberal in assisting the War Fund and Hospital Corps, having given \$105 to the War Fund, and 233 garments, shirts, and pajamas to the Hospital Corps. It also recommended two trained nurses and supplied them with the necessary aprons.

Fifty dollars was sent by the Chapter to the Franco-American Memorial Committee to assist in the completion of the statues of Washington and Lafayette; also \$25 to the Continental Hall, a similar sum having been given by the Chapter last year.

Historical meetings and receptions have been held regularly. The Chapter has 132 members, twenty having been added during the past year; five transfers, three resignations, and four deaths—among the most recent, that of Mrs. Jervis Spencer, a former Chapter Regent and Treasurer. Her death was deeply regretted by the Chapter.

The Maryland Line Chapter, Baltimore, Miss Elizabeth Pennington, Regent, has twenty-nine members, seven added during the year, one by transfer; one resignation and one transfer to the National Society.

Regular meetings have been held by the Chapter, at several of which interesting papers have been contributed by the Historical Committee, who expect to cover the history, not only of Maryland and her great men during the Revolution, but also eventually those of other States.

On the 19th of April, Chapter Day, the anniversary of the battle of Lexington, the Chapter gave a handsome reception at the home of Miss Elizabeth Chew Williams, one of its members, who kindly offered her house for the occasion. The rooms were draped with the superb flags of the Society of the Colonial Wars, lent by them for that purpose. Representatives of all the patriotic societies were present.

A contribution was sent by the Chapter to the Franco-American Memorial Committee for the statues of Washington and Lafayette.

The Frederick Chapter, Frederick, Miss Eleanor Murdoch Johnson, Regent, has sustained a serious loss in the death of their beloved Regent, Mrs. John S. Ritchie, who died October 20, 1898. To her untiring energy the Chapter owes its being. Her zeal and patriotic ardor did much for the advancement of the Chapter and the National Society.

Regular meetings have been held, and the anniversaries of the battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill celebrated.

The Chapter has twenty-seven members, five of whom were added during the year.

The Peggy Stewart Tea Party Chapter, Annapolis, Miss Alice Lloyd Buchanan, Regent, organized in December with thirteen members, three have been added since, which argues well for the future strength and usefulness of this Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

CATHERINE G. THOM,
State Regent.

MICHIGAN.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: The report of one State Regent must resemble those of all, for the work being exclusively that of organization only personal and local methods differ.

In the West, as there are no historic spots or graves, *raison d' etre* of such a society for purely genealogical reasons appeals to a limited number; therefore, organization is uncertain and growth in membership slow. Michigan has an unusual num-

ber of earnest women whose general culture and familiarity with the great educational and social problems of the last end of the century has led them into Club life, and when the idea of forming a Chapter is presented to them, it simply means another Club of necessarily restricted membership; therefore, the appeal must be made from an ethical standpoint. The deep interest felt by Michigan women in the present deplorable public school system supplies the motive, and Chapters are taking up this great question as their special work.

In organizing a Chapter, the plan followed most successfully by the present State Regent is to ask some capable, representative woman in town or village to secure, if eligible, membership in the National Society with a view to her appointment as local Regent. These preliminaries settled, a meeting is called through the local press inviting all who are interested in starting a Chapter to confer with the State Regent, when the object and aims of the Society are fully stated. The results in each instance have been satisfactory, although the formation of a Chapter is frequently delayed because of the lack of suitable reference libraries. The methods employed and the work accomplished by the Chapters vary with the environment; but some mention of these may be of helpful interest.

Algonquin Chapter, St. Joseph, gave a musical fete, an attractive feature of which was a minuet danced by tiny children dressed in Colonial costume. The money thus raised was given to two public school children for the best papers on selected subjects in Colonial history.

Lansing Chapter raised money for the Prison Ships Monument Fund from the proceeds of a lecture delivered by Colonel Beecher.

Louisa St. Clair Chapter, of Detroit, engaged Mr. Wm. Webster Ellsworth to give his lecture "From Lexington to Yorktown" to twenty-five hundred public school children, with the result that not only were their examinations successfully passed, but the children were also made to understand the conditions which led up to the Revolution, and were further given a thrilling object-lesson in their individual obligation to the heroes of that war.

Sophie de Marsac Campau Chapter, of Grand Rapids, in ad-

dition to its public work, reads a selected book by proxy. A member gives at each meeting a resumé of a certain number of pages, and free and often animated discussions follow.

A plan adopted by the Ypsilanti Chapter is offered as a suggestion to others. The regular meetings are held on some historic day in each month when, in addition to a commemorative paper, a ten minute talk is given by the chairman of the committee on Local Indian and Pioneer History, and many interesting legends and data are obtained.

Outside the large cities, owing to small membership, the relief work during the late war was chiefly done through local Grand Army of the Republic and similar patriotic societies; hence, a resumé of this is necessarily impossible. That Michigan women, like their peers in the East, seized this opportunity to prove their gratitude to the brave men in field and camp by lessening their sufferings and supplying their needs is now a matter of history. It was a privilege for which they desire neither credit nor thanks. In addition, twenty-eight brave trained nurses went out to camp hospitals under the auspices of the Michigan Chapters and remained at their posts until illness or honorable discharge relieved them. One of these gave her life to her country and Detroit honors the name of Ellen Tower!

The work begun with the Volunteers is now transferred to the enlisted men of the regular army stationed in Manila, Cuba, and Porto Rico. Attention having been called to the dearth of English reading matter in these new possessions and the difficulty experienced by the officers in keeping their men healthily occupied, two tons of books and magazines have been shipped to the Eleventh and Nineteenth Regiments, United States Army, in Ponce, and to the Signal Corps at Manila. Louisa St. Clair Chapter, Detroit, Muskegon Chapter, and unorganized Daughters in Marquette, through their Regent, have already sent fifty-two subscriptions for one year for the Century, Scribner, McClure, Popular Science Monthly, Youths Companion and Black Cat to the Post Reading Rooms of the Regular regiments now stationed in Manila, Cuba and Porto Rico.

Various Chapters in Connecticut, and through the State Re-

gent in Massachusetts, are joining in this work which, it is sincerely hoped, may become universal. Nothing can be more deplorable than the absence of reading matter, especially in a strange country under conditions which, at best, demand unusual patience and fortitude.

There are organized Chapters in Detroit, Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Flint, Lansing, St. Joseph and Muskegon, while Marquette, Cold Water, Saginaw, Traverse City and Pontiac, give promise of early organization. Regents appointed at Alpena and Lake Linden report a large foreign population and necessarily uncertain growth in membership. The Regent desires to express to the various Chapter Regents, Chapters, and individual members, her appreciation of their interest and enthusiasm. She has the precious memory of un-failing loyalty and co-operation during her four years of service.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES PARSONS EDWARDS,
State Regent.

MINNESOTA.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: I have the honor to present herewith my report as Regent of the State of Minnesota.

The duties of my office have been arduous, but delightful, and whatever success may have been attained has been largely due to the excellent work of my predecessor, Mrs. Eliza B. Newport, who for six successive years held the office of State Regent. While her refusal to longer serve in that capacity was deeply regretted by the Daughters of Minnesota, her election to the office of Honorary State Regent was received with special favor, and in that capacity she has given me her cordial sympathy and support, and has continued to render valuable services in promoting the welfare of our organization in Minnesota, for which I make grateful acknowledgment.

There are now ten Chapters in the State, with an aggregate membership of 564. Of the four Regents appointed by my

predecessor, one has completed an organization at Fergus Falls. Mrs. Henry F. Brown, of Mankato, was not able, on account of ill health, to prosecute her work, and Miss Nettie Severance has succeeded her and hopes soon to have a Chapter organized. At Rochester we are about to have a flourishing Chapter, and in Minneapolis there will be two new Chapters formed. While we lack the peculiar interest that arises from living on historic ground, we find throughout the State a great awakening among those who are of revolutionary ancestry, and it will not be long before Chapters will be organized in every town of importance in Minnesota. The State Regent has traveled over 3,000 miles in the exercise of her official duties, visiting seven of the Chapters by special invitation, signed the charters of four Chapters and recommendations for nine army nurses. The report of the war work of the Daughters of the American Revolution has heretofore been fully reported by her.

The annual State Conference was held in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, in Minneapolis, on the 3d of May, 1898, and proved a most delightful occasion, graced by the presence of many distinguished Daughters, the Honorary State Regent, our "own Daughter," Mrs. Nancy E. McDonald, and two great-great-granddaughters of Betsy Ross. An extended account of this meeting has been published in the *AMERICAN MONTHLY*.

The St. Paul Chapter, of which Mrs. J. B. Beals is Regent, is the oldest and largest in the State, numbering 168 members, seventeen having been added during the year. Mrs. Edwin S. Chittenden, one of the charter members, died April 6, 1898. On June 17th, a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Chapter and its friends was held at the Crocus Hill Club House, at which the State Regent was a guest, and addressed the meeting; prominent clergymen of the city and the President of the Sons of the Revolution were also present and spoke on patriotic themes.

The Minneapolis Chapter held eleven meetings during the year. Their Regent was, early in her second term, elected State Regent, and the Vice-Regent, Mrs. Watson W. Rich, soon thereafter removed to Shanghai, China. Mrs. Henry A.

Norton was then elected Regent, which office she has filled in a most able and acceptable manner. Many of the members of this Chapter are descendants of the heroes of Fort Griswold, and in accordance with the custom of the Chapter, a meeting was held on the 6th of last September, at the home of its venerable Chaplain, Mrs. Charlotte O. Van Cleve, at which a tiny seedling tree from Fort Griswold was planted, and historic earth from many a far-away spot famed in history, deposited about its roots. This Chapter exhibited great interest in the soldiers of the late war with Spain, and contributed generously to their comfort and encouragement. The two possessions most prized by this Chapter are a complete set of the *AMERICAN MONTHLY*, handsomely bound, and its charter, framed in wood procured from Mt. Vernon. This Chapter has now sixty-seven members, and is the only one in the State that has an "own Daughter," a resident member, Mrs. Nancy E. McDonald, whose beautiful face and sweet presence is always a benediction.

The Colonial Chapter, of Minneapolis, numbers 121 members, thirteen having been received during the year. This Chapter is a most united and enthusiastic one. Its members were among the first to take up the work of aiding our soldiers and gave the money that would have been used for refreshments at their meetings to purchase supplies for the hospitals. The work of sewing, packing boxes, and contributing money was participated in by every member of the Chapter. The contributions ranged from \$1 to \$25 each, and the committee meetings presented an animated scene of industry and enthusiasm. When the bodies of the gallant Major M. C. Wilkinson and his five brave soldiers were brought from Leach Lake to Fort Snelling, the Colonial Chapter placed a beautiful spray of roses on each of the caskets, as a tribute to the dead heroes, victims of the savage Red Men of the Forest. Over \$100 were privately contributed to patriotic work, \$20 from the Chapter funds, \$10 to the Lafayette monument fund, \$10 to the Washington monument fund, and \$25 to the Continental Hall fund. Mrs. Charles M. Loring, the present efficient Regent, is assisting the State Regent in the organization of a young ladies Chapter in Minneapolis.

The Nathan Hale Chapter, of St. Paul, of which Mrs. Has-cal R. Brill is Regent, held ten regular meetings during the year. The Chapter adhered with pleasure and profit to its prescribed work, literary, social, and memorial. The membership is fifty-one. The fund for the purpose of erecting a monument to the patriot for whom the Chapter is named, now amounts to \$374.15. The Nathan Hale Chapter has responded to the call of the National Society for aid in the war work of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and by sewing for the nurses during the summer. Several valuable souvenirs have been presented to the Chapter, one especially prized being a piece of the old school-house in which Nathan Hale taught before his country's call to martyrdom.

Greysolon-du L'Hut Chapter, of Duluth, was organized October 19, 1895. It has been interested from its organization in the study of American History. A series of papers on the life of Washington have been prepared, read and preserved for future reference and use. For several years past the Chapter has united with the Sons of the American Revolution in celebrating Independence Day in an appropriate and dignified manner, holding joint services in the beautiful Assembly Hall of the High School Building. For four successive years the day has been observed in this manner, once upon the Sabbath, and on each occasion with increased interest and large audiences. Addresses were delivered by distinguished orators, patriotic music rendered, and with elaborate and appropriate decorations the occasions have reached a measure of importance and dignity much to be desired. The example of this Chapter might well be followed by the Daughters everywhere. Mrs. Coman Ames, the present Regent, is the worthy leader of this patriotic band, now numbering twenty-seven members.

The Secretary of the Daughters of Liberty Chapter, Duluth, reports that the Chapter has been somewhat disorganized during the past year, owing to the absence of members from the city, and the failure of the Regent to call meetings. But one meeting was called during the year and that by the Board of Management to meet the State Regent. This Chapter was organized two years ago by Mrs. D. B. Smith, the present

Regent. The Secretary further reports, "Our hope is that with the beginning of next year we may be able to work in harmony with the State Regent." This Chapter includes in its membership some of the most brilliant women in the State.

The Charter Oak Chapter, of Faribault, was so named from the fact that two of its members are lineal descendants of Joseph Wadsworth, who is supposed to have concealed the Charter of Connecticut in the famous oak. Miss Stella Francis Cole was appointed Regent, and the first meeting of the Chapter was held February 9, 1898. Later five more members being added, the charter was applied for and the date of organization changed to September 29, 1898. The Chapter has assisted in a reception to the returning soldiers; has offered a prize to the member of the Senior Class of the High School, who shall write the best essay on the early history of Minnesota; and means are now being considered for the erection of a monument to Alexander Faribault, the founder of the city in which the Chapter is located, and a man of great distinction in the early history of Minnesota. This Chapter is composed entirely of young ladies.

Wenonah Chapter was organized January 27, 1898, with eighteen members; Mrs. W. H. Yale, Regent. It now has a membership of twenty-three. Eight meetings were held during the year. On May 11th, a reception was given the State Regent and Mrs. Charles E. Smith, State Director of Children Societies, at which time a fine literary and musical program was given and the charter presented. During the summer the Chapter took up work for our soldiers, and this winter they have been enjoying carefully prepared literary programs at each meeting. The first annual meeting was held January 11, 1899, at the home of Mrs. F. A. Rising, at which time Mrs. Rising was elected Regent for the ensuing year. The Chapter has sent \$20 as its contribution to the Lafayette monument to be erected in Paris in 1900.

The Distaff Chapter, of St. Paul, was organized at the home of Mrs. John Quincy Adams, April 7, 1898, with a membership of nineteen, and already enjoys the distinction of being one of the most prosperous Chapters in the State, having a membership of fifty-one. The Regent, Mrs. Charles E.

Smith, has had much experience in and has a great love for patriotic work. She also serves as State Director of the Children Societies of the American Revolution. The motto selected by Mrs. Adams for the Chapter was, "The torch of patriotism is lighted at the hearth-fire." The Chapter charter is framed in wood from Mt. Vernon, a gift from its Regent. The Chapter decided that the work done should be of a practical character, and the Cubans were selected as the first beneficiaries, clothing being made and sent to them through the Red Cross Society. On the breaking out of the war with Spain hospital flags and supplies were furnished the Minnesota volunteers. The appeals from the Hospital Relief Corps of the National Society were promptly responded to and nurses' outfits were prepared in the same manner. A contribution of \$10 has also been made to the Franco-American Memorial fund.

Fergus Falls Chapter, of Fergus Falls, completed its organization January 30, 1899. The Regent, Mrs. James A. Brown, is eminently fitted to carry out the work so auspiciously begun by the twelve members, who count among their number women of distinguished ancestry. This Chapter was enthusiastically welcomed at the meeting of the delegates to the National Congress, held in Minneapolis, February 4, 1899, at which meeting it was represented by its Regent.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA M. TORRANCE,
State Regent.

MISSOURI.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Missouri, with its sister societies throughout the country, has during the past year demonstrated its right to live as an organization—an organization composed not of

sentimental women glorying in achievements of dead ancestors, but of active patriots.

Missouri was, we believe, the first State in the Union where the Daughters of the American Revolution organizations framed and passed throughout the State patriotic resolutions relative to the impending war. April 15, 1898:

Resolved, That the Missouri Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution are requested to unite in a plan for systematic work for the care and comfort of the sick* of our Army and Navy, in the impending struggle with Spain for the independence of Cuba, and the cessation of inhumanity toward the people of that unhappy island.—Mary H. L. Shields, State Regent.

The above resolution was received and passed by every Chapter in the State. With this point of view and the Daughters of the American Revolution as leaders, every woman's organization in the State joined hands and worked for the cause presented.

The St. Louis Chapter, the oldest in Missouri, led in active work. Its Regent, Mrs. Western Bascombe, and its Treasurer, since elected Regent, Mrs. Dellafield, despite the heat of the city, stood at their posts the entire summer dispensing material aid. This included garments for hospital, delicacies for the sick and a sum of money approximating a thousand dollars. Added to this the Regent brings in her hand a hundred dollars as a contribution to the Continental Hall fund.

One of the surprising features of this war, through which we have passed, a war which ranks with the crusaders, has been the eagerness with which the trained nurses entered the field of hardships, leaving oftentimes positions which they had occupied for years, full of responsibility and remuneration. Notably in this band of women was Irene Toland, a young and beautiful woman. Dr. Toland was so impressed with the thought that duty called her to offer her services to her country as a nurse (having in the past fought with yellow fever for her own life) that she gave up a pleasant position and was among the first to join the ranks of Army nurses. She left us full of eager interest in the cause. Her letters written to us

were full of enthusiasm—one of them from Key West reads thus: "A week ago I went to the bedside of an officer ill with yellow fever. I felt so interested in him that I hunted up his record and found him to be Lieutenant B—, a brother of Mrs. N—, a member of the St. Louis Chapter, and also I found out that his wife is a Daughter. For days his life has hung on a thread. The first sign he has given of life was yesterday when he looked at me and said 'I'm glad a woman is nursing me, now I shall get well.' Lieutenant B—, now Captain B—, has visited us and he repeats, 'I got well because an angel in the shape of a Daughters' nurse looked after me.'" Our nurse was faithful indeed, but she overrated her strength. She was ill for a few days and on the 16th of August her spirit passed away. Her name is enrolled with those who died for her fellow-men.

The St. Louis Chapter has fairly earned the title "Mother of Chapters in Missouri," five active Chapters having grown from this one.

Alton, Illinois, is counted as one of St. Louis' suburbs, hence the Alton ladies eligible to our Society first joined the St. Louis Chapter. During the last few months their number and strength has so increased, that they have bidden the mother good-bye and are now an independent Chapter in Illinois.

The Hannah Arnot Chapter is composed entirely of young ladies. These young ladies guided by their Regent, Miss Tattle, have helped in all good work of increasing our war fund and have met every other week, studying the history of the United States. Mrs. Josephine Cobb, the daughter of one of our Congressmen, is the newly-elected Regent. She also represents the Hannah Arnot Chapter at the Eighth Continental Congress.

The Colonel John Lacey Chapter, after brave and successful efforts on the part of Mrs. David MacAdam, Regent, is well established at the beautiful suburban town of Kirkwood. The fifth Chapter which acknowledges St. Louis as first is the Laclede Chapter. Mrs. Edwin DeWolf is the Regent provided for this organization.

Recognizing that St. Louis is the selected seat of the World's

Fair, which will help celebrate the centennial of the Louisiana purchase, and that Missouri is the very heart of that purchase, the Laclede Chapter has set about in earnest to study the history of this purchase. A series of lectures are being given by the Chapter which are both interesting and profitable.

It goes without saying that the Elizabeth Benton Chapter has done well its part in the busy days of the war period. Its women have been generous and faithful and its delegate to this Congress, Mrs. Dockery, brings with her a handsome contribution to the Continental Hall fund. Their Regent, Mrs. Joseph Van C. Karms, is a woman respected and beloved throughout the State.

The Osage Chapter, composed of the cream of Sedalia women with its same Regent at the helm, Mrs. Mary Tulle McCluney, is making forward strides and in the right direction. Neither has the St. Joseph Chapter failed to improve its opportunities. Its Regent, Mrs. Samuel M. Nave, is a beautiful magnetic woman and a social power in the city. Last, but not least, is that jewel of a Chapter at our State Capital, the Jane Randolph Jefferson Chapter. Its members are of the wonderful kind which a capital, whether of State or a Nation, always brings together. Its Regent, so beloved by its members that she is re-elected year after year, is Mrs. Florence Ewing Towles, a daughter of one of Missouri's most prominent sons.

The appointed Regents, Miss Mary Fee, at Cape Girardeau, and Mrs. H. M. Chapin, at DeSota, are still struggling to bring a Chapter into being. That success will eventually crown their efforts we have no doubt.

With this report we close the most eventful year of our Society's record. War with its sorrows has swept over us. Our sons have gone forth to battle and returned to us unharmed. Our women have been faithful and true. The Army and Navy of our country have met with no defeats, nor will they so long as her sons and her daughters are true to their mission and work out their destiny in the future as in the past under the guidance of Almighty God.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY H. SHIELDS,
State Regent.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Con-

However deeply one may deplore that causes should have arisen and culminated in open hostilities between our Nation and another, thereby bringing about a great flood of need and suffering, the prompt response of the women in the land to every appeal for aid and sympathy has been most gratifying and such as might have been expected. The members of the New Hampshire branch of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution have deported themselves as if imbued with the true spirit of their foremothers. Never heeding fatigue, nor looking for especial credit to themselves or their own Society, they have joined heartily and judiciously in the general work. Many have cheerfully given up their usual summer's rest and change for complete devotion to labor for the brave warriors on land and sea. The chief object of their efforts has been to supply the designated needs of those who enlisted from our own State and to keep watch over their dependent families. To this end they have labored with eager zeal and loving generosity. Supplementing this the Ashuelot Chapter, of Keene, has rendered valuable assistance to the Red Cross Society; the Molly Stark Chapter, of Manchester, to the Society of Colonial Dames, and the Exeter Chapter has sent a contribution for the relief of the Cubans. Hospital supplies, reading matter and money have been forwarded to our National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, for general distribution from the Margery Sullivan Chapter, of Dover, the Buntin Chapter, of Pembroke, the Ashuelot Chapter, of Keene, and the Reprisal Chapter, of Newport. In addition to war work the Samuel Ashley Chapter, of Claremont, has contributed to the fund for the purchase of Meadow Garden Farm, and the Molly Stark Chapter, of Manchester, has given to the fund for the statue of Washington and for the monument for Lafayette. This Chapter has pleasantly varied the usual routine of its meetings by a course of enjoyable lectures. The Margery Sullivan Chapter, of Dover, has also devised an interesting variety by bringing in at one meeting pieces of rare old china; at another a colonial gown and articles of personal

adornment, then miniatures and so on, each display being accompanied by a spicy paper relating to the article exhibited. This has been the means of bringing to light several valuable possessions heretofore unappreciated, for the town is one of our oldest and consequently rich in relics.

The Matthew Thornton Chapter, of Nashua (now ranking second in size in the State), has given prizes for the best essays on the "Causes of the American Revolution" written by pupils in the High School, with many fine dissertations as the result. This Chapter was the recipient of a beautiful flag upon Flag Day.

The Anna Stickney Chapter, of North Conway, comes together fortnightly and devotes one hour each time to the study of civil law. Through its efforts a flag pole and flag have been placed upon the new public school building and lithograph flags presented to each school in town and also to those of the neighboring town of Bartlett, where some of its members reside. It is worthy of mention that substantial aid has been rendered to one of its "own Daughters," who in her old age is blind and without relatives.

The Molly Reid Chapter, of Derry, has searched out the birthplace of "true-hearted, erect Molly Reid" for whom it is named and purposes to suitably designate the place. It has devoted much time to bringing forward for reverent contemplation the deeds of the women of the Revolution. It is praiseworthy to mark the graves of those who were in the War of the Revolution and the Milford Chapter has generously devoted itself to that work in Milford, the first in the State to honor them thus.

The Eunice Baldwin Chapter, of Hillsborough, has heralded its year's literary path by a tasteful and wisely arranged program, and this custom prevails most creditably in many of our Chapters.

One of the most preciously notable days in our State history is the 21st of June, and for that reason it was chosen for the birthday of the Rumford Chapter in Concord, our beautiful capital city. Its Regent, Mrs. Nathaniel White, Jr., is reaping a deserved recompense for her earnest efforts in its formation for the aroused interest continues to attract valuable ac-

cessions to its membership. We are glad to welcome its coming and expect great things from it.

We also extend a cordial welcome to the bright band which Miss Elizabeth W. Cilley as Regent has gathered together in Nottingham under the name of the Elsa Cilley Chapter, organized the 29th of last December. When one takes into consideration the fact that nine of its charter members are descendants of women whose names it has honored itself by taking, there will be no surprise over the zeal and ardor which has been evinced thus early in its career.

It is a real pleasure to record that the appeal for donations to the library of our National Society has been responded to with most commendable generosity by the Chapters. Indeed the retrospect of the past year brings thankfulness and the outlook for the new is inspiring. Without exception the Regents are efficient and this is proven by the constant increase in membership and unfaltering loyalty to the high purposes of the Society.

But in our joyous music of prosperous and hopeful record a minor chord must be struck, mournful, because one of our Real Daughters, Mrs. Rebecca Godding Russell Crane, of Dalton, has passed into eternity, but softly sweet, because the melody of her life of tender, womanly usefulness, which almost spanned a century, floats down to us like a benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGIA B. CARPENTER,
State Regent.

NEW YORK.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: I have the honor to submit to you the report of the New York State Chapters for the year 1898.

The work has been magnificent, embracing, as it must, that of the war relief, which is given in detail in a special report.

Full records have been sent by most Chapters, covering all work from historical study to the founding of libraries and the purchase of revolutionary mansions.

Only brief extracts may be used but these will indicate

the enthusiasm and earnest endeavor of the Regents and members of the Chapters.

Before giving you a report of our year's work as Daughters of the American Revolution, let me recall briefly a few important facts in relation to New York during and between the years 1775 and 1781.

The first English forts taken were Ticonderoga and Crown Point; the American Navy was begun by Arnold on Lake Champlain in June, 1775. Following the expedition into Canada with the capture of Fort St. John came the expedition to Johnstown; then the battles of Long Island and Harlem Plains; the capture of Fort Washington and the naval battles of Lake Champlain; the manoeuvres of 1777; the battle of Bennington; the sortie from Fort Schuyler; the battles of Oriskany and Saratoga; the first expedition of Sir Henry Clinton up the Hudson; Johnson's raid through the Mohawk, Schoharie and Susquehanna Valleys; Sir Henry Clinton's second expedition up the Hudson; Wayne's capture of Stony Point; the expedition under Colonels Willett and Van Schaick against the Onondagas; Sullivan's expedition against the Indians and battles near the present site of Elmira; Johnson's raid into the Mohawk Valley and Governor Clinton's pursuit; the destruction of the settlement at Canajoharie and Fort Plain by Brandt and Carleton's raid on the upper Hudson.

Knowing these facts and also the statement made to the Continental Congress by our first Secretary of State, General Knox, and repeated in each and every history of the Independence, that the number of troops furnished by New York during the Revolutionary War was only 17,781, we have wondered why our quota was so far below that of the other colonies.

When James A. Roberts, of Buffalo, was elected Comptroller in 1895, one of his first efforts was to arrange systematically the great accumulation of records in his office. In doing this many muster rolls were discovered and as a result New York stands to-day second only to Massachusetts with 43,675 revolutionary soldiers and eleven frigates, sloops and schooners to her credit. No doubt this number will be augmented when private records are brought to light, for lists of officers were found without their records of enlisted men and the records of

the Third Line Regiment are now in the possession of the descendants of Colonel Gansevoort.

As members of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, living in New York State, I think we should recognize the work of ex-Comptroller Roberts, who has given New York its proper place in relation to the War of Independence. When I was honored by being elected State Regent I took up the work with some hesitation. It was impossible for me to give it the undivided and loving attention bestowed upon it by my predecessor, but her experience and advice were always at my service and of great value.

My method of work has been almost entirely by correspondence and as a result I have on file a very complete history for 1898 of many of the New York Chapters. The Red Book was my constant companion until all towns of over 3,000 inhabitants had been communicated with. Chapters, however, are of slow growth and it will be several years before all parts of New York State send representatives to the Continental Congress.

The Regents already appointed when I came into office and whose Chapters were not at that time formed were: Mrs. Samuel Sloane, New York City; Mrs. William Robison, South Oyster Bay; Mrs. Wilmot Townsend Cox, Mill Neck; Mrs. Adelaide L. Harrington, Lyons; Mrs. Wolfe, Gouverneur; Mrs. Walter B. Shepard, Penn Yan; Mrs. Alonzo Jackson, Schenectady; Mrs. William Platt Adams, Cohoes; Mrs. John Newman, Watkins; Mrs. Spalding Evans, Lockport; Mrs. George B. Sloane, Oswego; Mrs. Tuckerman, Jamestown; Mrs. Katherine Spalding, Sangerries.

Of these Regents Mrs. Wolfe, of Gouverneur, organized the Gouverneur Morris Chapter, January 27, 1899, with nineteen charter members; Mrs. Adams, of Cohoes; Mrs. Cox, of Mill Neck, report progress; Mrs. Shepard, of Penn Yan; Mrs. Evans, of Lockport, and Mrs. Tuckerman, of Jamestown, have resigned.

The Regents appointed after March 1, 1898, are: Miss Jane M. Prescott, Fredonia; Mrs. Walter Clarke, East Springfield; Mrs. George Henry, Granville; Mrs. Albert Gladding, Norwich; Mrs. Carpenter, Sacketts Harbor; Miss Flora Broad-

head, Jamestown; Miss Harriett E. Briggs, Penn Yan; Miss Emma Harrington, Albion; Mrs. James Whitfield, Ilion, Mrs. William B. Van Vliet, Johnstown; Mrs. Isaac Hunt, Adams; Mrs. Joseph King, Fort Edwards; Miss Ruth Lawrence, Lawrence.

Of these Regents Mrs. James Whitfield, of Ilion, organized the Mohawk Valley Chapter with sixteen charter members.

Miss Jane M. Prescott, of Fredonia, January 2, 1899, the Colonel Benjamin Prescott Chapter, fifteen charter members.

Mrs. William Van Vliet, of Johnstown, January 25, 1899, the Johnstown Chapter, twenty-two charter members.

Mrs. Joseph King, of Fort Edward, January 27, 1899, the Jane McCrae Chapter, fourteen charter members.

Mrs. George Henry, of Granville. The twelve members have been accepted, but the Chapter is not yet organized owing to the illness of the Regent.

Mrs. Isaac L. Hunt, of Adams, whose name was given me by Miss Forsyth, appointed Regent in April, organized the Deborah Champion Chapter, October 25th, with thirty-four charter members.

I call your attention to this because the population of Adams is given as 3,302.

The meetings of the Johnstown Chapter will probably be held in the historic home of Sir William Johnson and the Regent of Jane McCrae Chapter owns the land where Jane McCrae met her tragic death.

Mrs. Carpenter, owing to the death of her husband, Captain Carpenter, has left Sacketts Harbor.

Mrs. Gladding and Miss Broadhead report progress.

Miss Briggs reports her Chapter almost ready to form.

Miss Lawrence hopes to report an organized Chapter during the Congress.

The Chapters formed this year are: Deborah Champion, of Adams; Colonel Benjamin Prescott, of Fredonia; Gouverneur Morris, of Gouverneur; Johnstown, of Johnstown; Mohawk Valley, of Ilion; Jane McCrae, of Fort Edward.

The number of Chapters March 1, 1898, was fifty, making the total number of Chapters in New York State, February 18, 1899, fifty-six.

On the authority of the Registrar General the gain in New York's membership for 1898 is 656, including nine Real Daughters. The total membership is 4,233. New York State has the greatest number of Chapters and the largest membership list on the rolls. It is, therefore, the banner State.

So few deaths have been reported to me that I feel it would only be a partial list and therefore omit it.

New York is proud of its Real Daughters. The names of twenty-four have been reported by the Regents of New York City, Deo-on-go-wah, Fort Stanwix, General Nicholas Herkimer, Hendrick Hudson, Le Ray de Chaumont, Gansevoort, Willards Mountain, Tuscarora, Onondaga, Camden, Olean and Irondequoit.

May 18th a conference was held at the residence of the State Regent in Syracuse. Thirty-four visiting Regents and Delegates with the officers of the Onondaga Chapter represented thirty of the fifty organized Chapters. The meeting was called to order at 10 a. m. Answers to roll call were short reports of Chapter work. It is unnecessary to recapitulate the discussions as the proceedings, in printed form, were sent to the National Board, all State Regents and New York State Chapters.

Albany, Fishkill, New York City, Rochester, Utica and Kingston, have been visited and four Board meetings attended in the interests of the Society. It has been a great regret that all invitations could not have been accepted.

Since March 1st, 1,026 letters have been received, 2,092 letters and documents sent out, 410 application papers and constitutions distributed.

All printed matter issued by Chapters, year books, programs, etc., have been placed on file in the State Library at Albany.

In this connection I would like to suggest that each Chapter forward to the State Librarian a typewritten historical article in reference to the name it has chosen and also copies of whatever publications may be issued in the future. The new interest in American Revolutionary History is shown by the many novels and historical works of that period which have been published this year. This re-awakening is attributed to the great influence of the patriotic societies.

I shall make only a brief reference to the magnificent war relief work as a full report has been printed and a copy will be given each Chapter: Total number of garments, handkerchiefs, sheets, pillow cases, blankets, towels and comfort bags, 25,750; Large consignments of delicacies and hospital supplies; Books, 11,959, besides several barrels and boxes not counted; Total number of hospital envelopes, 622; Total amount of cash, \$9,199.40.

The following list will indicate the nature of the work accomplished by the Chapters:

Astenrogen Chapter, Little Falls.—Historical prizes given in the schools, graves of revolutionary soldiers decorated on Memorial Day, AMERICAN MONTHLY and Spirit of '76 placed on file in the public library and a contribution made to the Lafayette Monument fund.

Baron Steuben Chapter, Bath.—Contributed to the Lafayette Monument and Washington Statue funds and historical prizes in the public school.

Bronx Chapter, Mount Vernon.—Confined its work to war relief.

Buffalo Chapter, Buffalo.—Requires special mention for its very large membership, and its great success in educating the foreign population of Buffalo by illustrated lectures on American history. These lectures were delivered to audiences of over six hundred people and in a hall where there were no seats. This Chapter is very large, and its meetings are held in the auditorium of the Twentieth Century Club.

Camden Chapter, Camden.—Two "Real Daughters;" raising a fund for a monument to revolutionary soldiers buried in Camden.

Catherine Schuyler Chapter, Belmont.—This enthusiastic Chapter was saddened in December by the death of Judge Ward, the husband of its most efficient Regent. Previous to the death of Judge Ward, a most interesting meeting to commemorate "the landing of the Pilgrims" was held at the residence of the Regent.

Cayuga Chapter, Ithaca.—Many new members added and weekly historical readings held, historical prizes presented in the High School and six revolutionary graves marked.

Chemung Chapter, Elmira.—Numbers fifty-four and sent a contribution to the Lafayette monument.

Deo-on-go-wa Chapter, Batavia.—Of its nineteen members, nine are Mayflower descendants; has two "Real Daughters" and is marking revolutionary graves.

Fort Stanwix Chapter, Rome.—Has one "Real Daughter;" did much effective war relief work.

Gansevoort Chapter, Albany.—Has one "Real Daughter," Mrs. Alfred B. Street, whose husband was a well known poet. War relief work.

General Nicholas Herkimer Chapter, Herkimer.—One of the three "Real Daughters" died this year. Historical prizes to the schools. Raised \$500 by an entertainment.

Fort Green Chapter, Brooklyn.—\$100 to the Prison Ship Monument fund.

Fort Plain Chapter, Fort Plain.—A young and active Chapter which confined its work to war relief.

Hendrick Hudson Chapter, Hudson.—The most important work of this Chapter is the opening to the public of a library of thirty-two hundred books. Members of the Chapter act as librarians.

There are now six hundred patrons.

This Chapter has also published a book "Mary and I go to Europe." With the proceeds, a building fund has been established. One "Real Daughter" is on the membership list.

Irondequoit Chapter, Rochester.—This is one of the largest and most active Chapters in the State, and I would like to call attention to its record in the war report. One "Real Daughter," Mrs. Rochester Pitkin, is an honorary member. Gave a banner to the State Industrial School, a flag to the Children of American Revolution and a free lecture by Mr. Elsworth to the Public School children.

Kanestio Valley Chapter, Hornellsville.—The report says: "We are only a year old but very enthusiastic and accomplishing good work." As the report of war work was sent too late for that report I mention it here. Luncheon for 200 soldiers and \$10.00.

Keskeskick Chapter, Yonkers.—Raising money for a revolutionary monument.

Knickerbocker Chapter, New York City.—A most successful Loan exhibition was held, instead of the annual reception, to obtain money for the Lafayette Monument fund.

Le Ray de Chaumont Chapter, Watertown.—This Chapter stands unique in having seven "Real Daughters," three being sisters. Fifty revolutionary graves were decorated with flags and flowers on Memorial Day. Assistance is being given to a free library.

Mahwenasigh Chapter, Poughkeepsie.—The official residence of Governor George Clinton was purchased and furnished; is now used as the Chapter home.

Mary Washington Colonial Chapter, New York City.—This Chapter is working with great zeal in many directions. Just at present its chief objects are the Reubena Hyde Walworth memorial fund, and the restoration and preservation of Fraunces' Tavern.

Mary Weed Marvin Chapter, Walton.—Has carried out a most attractive year's program in New York State history.

Melzingah Chapter, Fishkill.—In addition to the monument placed by this Chapter last year, it has had given into its keeping a monument to the memory of General de Lafayette, which was presented in June last, by Lafayette Post, of New York City. The monument was placed near the Brinkerhoff house where Lafayette was ill for many weeks. This celebration will long be remembered by the Chapter and its guests.

Mohawk Chapter, Albany.—This Chapter, with the Gansevoort Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Philip Livingston Chapter, Sons of the Revolution, gave a magnificent reception to the President General.

Mohegan Chapter, Sing Sing.—Is very progressive; its study subject for the year has been Historic New England.

Olean Chapter, Olean.—Studied Colonial History; had a very fine Loan exhibition.

Ondawa Chapter, Cambridge.—Raised \$50.00 for the Continental Hall fund. Miss Helen M. Wright has designed a marker for revolutionary graves. A Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution has been organized.

Oneida Chapter, Utica.—Is a large and progressive Chapter; was particularly active in war relief work.

Oneonta Chapter, Oneonta.—Sent a most interesting outline of literary work, and reports increase in membership; has two "Real Daughters."

Onondaga Chapter, Syracuse.—Gave a reception to the State Regent, at which time a life membership in the Mary Washington Memorial Association was presented to her by the New York State Chapters.

Otsego Chapter, Cooperstown.—Is raising a fund for a tablet to mark the site of the dam built in 1779 across the source of the Susquehanna.

Owahgena Chapter, Cazenovia.—War relief work.

Owasco Chapter, Auburn.—War relief work. Has induced the Board of Education to use readers containing historical and patriotic selections in the schools. These books were purchased by the Chapter.

Patterson Chapter, Westfield.—Celebrated Lafayette Day. The meetings are devoted to historical papers.

Monroe Chapter, Brockport.—Contributed to Lafayette Monument and Washington Statue.

New York City Chapter, New York City.—Gave its third course of lectures on American History in Barnard College. A scholarship has been named by the Chapter and accepted by the College as "The Mrs. Donald McLean Scholarship." It is unrestricted and embraces the full course of Barnard. A student is now having the benefit of this scholarship. A flag with pole and staff was presented to Barnard. The Ellsworth lecture on "Arnold and André" was presented for the benefit of the scholarship fund.

Philip Schuyler Chapter, Troy.—War relief work. Presentation of its charter February 7, 1899.

Quassaick Chapter, Newburgh.—Thirty dollars to the Washington statue. Local work.

Sa-go-we-wa-tha Chapter, Seneca Falls.—Studied New York State history. Contributed to Revolutionary Monument in Camden. Has accumulated a fine historical library.

Saranac Chapter, Plattsburg.—Presented historical prizes; has increased its membership, and had regular and enthusiastic meetings.

Saratoga Chapter, Saratoga.—Is raising a special fund of \$200 for a monument to Reubena Hyde Walworth.

Seneca Chapter, Geneva.—Gave a large reception to Mrs. Ellen Hardin Walworth. Fine war relief work.

Swe-kat-si Chapter, Ogdensburg.—War relief and historical work.

Tuscarora Chapter, Binghamton.—Two "Real Daughters;" war relief work and historical meetings. Gave a Colonial Tea and town exhibition, which was very successful.

Vassar Chapter, Poughkeepsie.—Historical study.

Washington Heights Chapter, New York City.—War relief work.

Willard's Mountain Chapter, Greenwich.—It is called "a Study Chapter in United States History." Presented historical prizes to the schools.

Wiltwyck Chapter, Kingston.—War relief work. Gave a reception in honor of the President General, Miss Forsyth, Vice-President General, and the State Regent.

As Daughters of that American Revolution which, in its results, made the United States one of the greatest nations of the world, we must remember that the very process of transition which brought us this great honor and distinction has caused a change of conditions. The great men of the Revolution were native Americans with the mental calibre produced by the influence of a vast country, and we, New York State women, generations later, are no longer Hollanders, Huguenots, Puritans, or Pilgrims, but Americans with a common language. When the Marquis de Talleyrand returned to France, after his visit to this country, he said, in the course of a lecture: "In spite of the War of Independence, the force of language, race, and interest must bind England and America together as natural allies."

Last December, more than a hundred years later, Sir Edward Grey, in a speech on foreign affairs, said: "We have finally come to realize a double patriotism; the patriotism of country and the patriotism of race. There is a common fondness between the two peoples, and we should look in times of peace to see the sentiment growing, and in times of disturb-

ance to find in it something upon which we could lean for mutual support."

Can we not honor our revolutionary heroes and keep their memory green, while we foster and encourage the friendship of the English speaking nation on which the sun never sets?

In closing this report, let me call your attention to the war relief work of the Daughters of the American Revolution in New York. It was, indeed, a privilege to have been the War Regent of the Empire State.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE VAN ZILE BELDEN,
State Regent.

NEBRASKA.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: At the National Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, held February, 1898, I was elected State Regent to succeed Mrs. Laura B. Pound, whose term of two years expired at that time. In making this, my first and last report, as State Regent, it is with satisfaction and pride that I call your attention to the work done in this far-off Prairie State by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

While I cannot report the organization of new Chapters as I would wish, yet in many of the larger towns an interest has been awakened which will soon be followed by permanent organization. The membership of the two Chapters in the State has steadily increased during the year. The Deborah Avery Chapter, of Lincoln, with Mrs. Ella K. Morrison, Regent, has a membership of seventy-four, two being "Real Daughters." The Omaha Chapter has fifty members, Mrs. Elsie D. Troup, Regent.

One of the interesting features of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition was the State exhibit of Colonial and Revolutionary relics by the joint Societies of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. The installation of this exhibit occurred in the Nebraska Building on June 17th, the one hundred and twenty-second anniversary of the battle of Bun-

ker Hill, and the exercises were followed in the evening by an elaborate banquet. A register, bound in blue and white kid, was presented by the Deborah Avery Chapter, of Lincoln, that all visiting members of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution might record their names, Chapter, and address. This register is now in the keeping of the State Historical Society, and contains the names of many illustrious persons. Among the number of valuable and interesting relics found in the State was a brass cannon, used as a signal gun during the Revolution, and now the property of Mrs. Gibson, of Lincoln. The sword of General Anthony Wayne, loaned by Mrs. Chestnut, of Fremont; also the sword carried by Colonel Manning, at the battle of Bunker Hill, loaned by Mrs. Mary D. Manning, of the Deborah Avery Chapter, of Lincoln. A pewter platter, used by John Robinson, of Pilgrim fame, loaned by Dr. Robinson Hastings, a lineal descendant. A large display of rare old china, which belonged to Mrs. Senator Thurston, of Omaha. Mrs. S. C. Langworthy, of Seward, was Chairman of the State Daughters of the American Revolution Committee, and much of the success of this exhibit was due to her able management; Mrs. Jaynes, at that time Regent of the Omaha Chapter, and Miss Stevens, Regent of the Lincoln Chapter, and Mrs. Cline, Regent of Minden, ably assisting, as did Mrs. Rehleander, chairman of the committee from the Deborah Avery Chapter, of Lincoln.

Mrs. Langworthy, who is Regent of Seward, informs me she has a Chapter about organized and ready for membership.

The war work done in Nebraska, under the auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will compare favorably with many of the older States, and was accomplished after the Chapters had used most liberally of their funds for Exposition purposes. The supplies sent to Manila included forty-eight dollars worth of clam boullion and sixty pounds of jams and jellies, together with dozens of hospital shirts, pajamas, negligé shirts, handkerchiefs, night shirts, flannel bands, common and safety pins, bolts of mosquito netting, ten pounds of vaseline, envelopes of clippings, and quantities

of old linen. The Omaha Chapter also sent one dozen hospital aprons to Atlanta, Georgia, and the Deborah Avery Chapter \$5 to Chickamauga Park. This Chapter also contributed \$27.50 to the Daughters of the American Revolution War Fund.

Both the Lincoln and Omaha Chapters have elected new officers within the year and have entered upon the work with a zeal which is inspired by a patriotic society. An annual offering of a costly gold medal has been made by the Deborah Avery Chapter to the young lady graduate of the Lincoln High School who prepares the best paper on some historical subject, to be assigned by a committee from the Chapter. The first medal was presented at the graduation exercises last June. At the annual meeting of the Deborah Avery Chapter, Miss Mary M. A. Stevens, the retiring Regent, presented the Chapter with a beautiful large flag.

In closing my report, I can but wish my successor the same loyal support which has been mine, for the year that I have filled the office of State Regent will always be one of pleasant memories, saddened only by the dark cloud of war, the shadows of which have fallen upon the hearthstone of many Nebraska Daughters of the American Revolution.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES AVERY HAGGARD,
State Regent.

NEW JERSEY.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: There have been no new Chapters formed in New Jersey during the past year, but the seventeen Chapters already organized have increased largely in numbers and have done much work along historic and philanthropic lines. Every Chapter in the State responded generously to the call for funds for the relief of sick soldiers, and many individual members gave personal services in camp hospitals and elsewhere,

besides hospital supplies of all kinds; over \$2,000 in money was raised and disbursed.

A large and flourishing Children's Society was organized this year by Mrs. Austin McGregor, a member of the Nova Caesarea Chapter. It is called the Molly Pitcher.

The Nova Caesarea and the General Lafayette Chapters each have two original Daughters, one of whom is one hundred and four years old.

Several of the Chapters have made a specialty of furnishing and keeping up the Wallace House at Somerville, while others have been equally interested in the Rocky Ford House. Many of the Chapters have endeavored to stimulate interest in the study of American history in the public schools by offering prizes for the best essays on the subject. Most of the Chapters have sent in contributions to the Washington and Lafayette statue funds, and to the Continental Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. D. A. DEPUE,
State Regent.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: I have the honor to present to the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution the report of the work done in North Carolina during the past fiscal year.

The initial Chapter of the State, duly organized September 27, 1898, and known as the Mecklenburg Chapter, with Mrs. Stonewall Jackson as its Regent, has an enrollment of twenty-seven members. The Elizabeth Steel Chapter, of Salisbury, organized November 22, 1898, with twelve members. The Dorcas Bell Love Chapter, of Waynesville, was organized January 24, 1899, with a membership of fifteen, making a total enrollment of fifty-four members.

In making the above report, I beg to call your attention to the fact that the work in this State is but just begun. But it is my devout hope that North Carolina will, in the near

future, take her place in the National Society, to which she is so justly entitled through her historic past.

Respectfully submitted,

HATTIE NISBET LATTA,
State Regent.

MISSISSIPPI.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: I have very little to report for the year just closed upon the work for the Society in Mississippi. Everything has been against us. As stated in my report to the War Committee last fall, the conditions of fever, flood and war have very much impeded the growth of the organization. I receive letters of inquiry from individuals scattered all over the State showing that interest in the subject is spreading. But after faithful effort, I have not yet been able to gather these widely separated members into additional Chapters. Death and removal have dampened the prospect of a Chapter at Oxford as soon as we hoped. But there are still a few names there that will serve as a nucleus for continued effort. The sowing time has been long and difficult, but I see the promise of a harvest in the future. And hence, encouraged by a few hearty co-workers, I am willing to continue in the good work awhile longer, trusting in the promise: "In due season ye shall reap if ye faint not."

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE UPSON SIMS,
State Regent.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: While the patriotism of the women of North Dakota has been most marked and creditable, their efforts and interest have, for the past nine months, been centered in the soldiers at the front, in the present war, absorbing all their attention

and preventing, meanwhile, many from joining our Society that doubtless otherwise would have done so. But the result will be, I think, a healthy growth, and a large increase of membership when the "white dove" comes back to her resting place and a permanent peace, which we trust will be established in the near future.

Concerning our own State work, while it may have been far less than my desire, I submit, in brief, the following:

I have appointed Chapter Regents in the following localities: Mandan, Fargo, Grand Forks, Jameston, Rugby, and Carrington. Owing to the great distances from large centers, and the sparsely populated condition of the intervening country, it has been necessary to have members from distant towns unite and thus form a Chapter. For example, the William Mason Chapter, of Fargo, was formed from members from the adjacent and far removed towns. On the 13th of January, 1898, I signed and forwarded its charter to the Chapter Regent. Its membership is composed of Daughters residing hundreds of miles apart, from Fargo, Rugby, Rolla, Minot, Erie Farm, Sanborn, Rome and Jamestown. This Chapter has also three honorary members, namely: Frances C. Holley, State Regent, Bismarck, North Dakota; Mrs. Hunt, of St. Paul, Minnesota; Mrs. M. E. Haynes, Oliphant Chapter, New Jersey. Has sent to the National Society, from the members, \$18. Has a good Executive Board, I believe, and will continue to grow from time to time.

FRANCES C. HOLLEY,
State Regent.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: The report which I have the honor to present as State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Pennsylvania is meagre and inadequate in comparison with the scope and earnestness of the work done by the Chapters during the year 1898. The War Relief Work, a report of which has been rendered elsewhere, has engrossed more than half

the year and, in consequence, a smaller amount has been given to regular Chapter work, but the Chapters are none the less active and interested. They have come out of their many-sided experiences quickened and ready for any object which may need their efforts.

The chief events of the year, as a whole, have been two; first the meeting of Chapter Regents in Philadelphia, June 8th last, to consider the best way of promoting the interests of the War Relief Work. Dr. McGee, Director General of the Daughters of the American Revolution Hospital Corps, addressed this gathering in so helpful and inspiring a manner, that the delegates went home with their zeal quickened and enlightened. Their Chapters fell into line either as leaders in their respective localities or co-workers with societies already formed, and an active summer followed. The State Regent kept herself in touch with the two National Committees in Washington and the Chapters, and stood ready to promote in every way possible the interests of the War Relief Work. About one-quarter of the whole number of trained nurses applying to the Hospital Corps were from Pennsylvania. The Training Schools of the State were well and ably represented, and we had many Daughters in camp and hospital doing what their hands found to do as volunteer aids. Private houses were opened in several localities for convalescents. Altogether there is much honor due to those who "stood and waited" as well as those who served in camp, field, and hospital.

The second combined gathering of the year, the State Conference, held in Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia, December 5, 1898, was largely attended. A few rules were framed to give cohesion to the movement, which is simply a union of the Chapters to increase the interest in the National Society and to extend the knowledge and purpose of the Daughters of the American Revolution throughout the State of Pennsylvania. The rules adopted cover this object, and also provide for officers, meetings, representation, and the small dues required to pay the expenses of the Conference.

A reception was given by the State Regent at the Acorn Club, on the evening of December 5th, to the Pennsylvania

Daughters—officers of other patriotic societies were invited to meet them.

The next meeting will be held in Lancaster, November, 1899, by invitation of the Donegal Chapter.

Three new Chapters have been organized during the year. One in Germantown—Mrs. Herman Burgin, Regent—June 7, 1898. One in Titusville—Mrs. Roger Sherman, Regent—November 30, 1898. And one in Philadelphia—Miss Harriet J. Baird Huey, Regent—January 3, 1898. There are now thirty-five Chapters, with a membership of about 2,000.

Several "Real Daughters" have passed away during the year, but there is still quite a residue left—and Pennsylvania has the honor of holding in its membership the oldest, as well as the youngest, of the whole number in the Society.

The Pittsburg Chapter, the largest in the State, reports fully its work of the year. Several notable gatherings were held—at one of which Mr. Ellsworth, of New York, gave a lecture for the benefit of the Block House, whose history is included in a beautiful little book, well illustrated—which has been issued by the Chapter—entitled "Fort Duquesne and Fort Pitt."

This Chapter sent out the first nurse of the war, who went to the hospital at Key West, Miss Alice Patton Lyon, a member of the Chapter. Miss Lyon is now on her way to Manila to continue her ministrations to the troops still in the field. There have been five deaths in this Chapter during the year.

The Wyoming Valley Chapter reports, through its Recording Secretary, who speaks in glowing words of their Regent, "who has planned the patriotic work of the Chapter and inspired the members by her own zeal and interest." The membership is increasing.

Meetings of a business or literary character are held fortnightly. The Chapter is at present interested in the erection of two memorial tablets to mark the sites of Forts Durkee and Wyoming.

The war work of the Chapter has been co-extensive with that of the city of Wilkes-Barre itself, and the families of soldiers in the field will long remember with gratitude the faithful labors of the Wilkes-Barre Daughters in their behalf.

The Washington County Chapter is active in the promotion

of literary and patriotic work, and is growing in numbers as well as in the interest of members. Its record for war work is excellent.

The Donegal Chapter coöperated largely with the Iris Club, of Lancaster, in war work and did much aggressive work also as a Chapter. The Regency has been changed during the year—Mrs. J. H. Wickersham is now Regent. Literary and other entertainments have followed each other constantly.

There have been ten meetings with an average attendance of thirty-one; there are seventy members, fifty of them residing in Lancaster.

The Philadelphia Chapter began the year 1898 with a reception to the President General, Mrs. Adlai Stevenson, held at the Acorn Club, which was followed in the spring by one at the residence of Mrs. James M. Rhodes, given by Mrs. Rhodes to the new President General, Mrs. Manning, and the State Regent, Mrs. Roberts.

This Chapter has enjoyed the fruits of the restoration of the Banqueting Room of Independence Hall (for which at its own expense \$6,500 was raised in 1897) by having the privilege of holding its business meetings in this Hall, during the past winter. The city authorities have during the past year restored the whole building as accurately as possible to its condition at the date of Independence, acknowledging that they received their inspiration from the efforts of the Philadelphia Chapter.

A member of this Chapter again this year decorated the grave of Kosciusko, the Polish patriot, who gave his services to our country during the Revolution, and received the thanks of the Directors of the Polish Museum, who recognized that this patriotic act bound Poland closer to America.

The Chapter has just rented capacious rooms at No. 1102 Walnut street, as headquarters for the members and for festive occasions.

The Chapter has made various contributions during the year and outside of the large war relief fund, raised \$100 for a tablet at Lock Haven, in honor of Colonel Hugh White, and gave \$100 to the Continental Hall fund.

The Liberty Bell Chapter, like most of the others, gave the

bulk of its energies to the war work, but the Liberty Bell Tablet fund was not forgotten. The meetings have been well attended and there is sustained interest in whatever is undertaken. The Chapter library has a beginning, and it is hoped that it may grow to be the historical library of Lehigh County. The war work of this Chapter speaks well for the patriotism of the members.

Great interest has been manifested in the meetings of the Berks County Chapter, at which several historical papers have been read.

In 1897 the Chapter offered to the young ladies of the Reading High School a prize of \$10 in gold for the best essay upon some historical subject connected with the Revolution, to be chosen by the Regent. The reading of the essays and the exercises excited such general interest that the Chapter has made a similar prize a standing annual offer, under which arrangement the contest was repeated in 1898 with increased interest.

The Chapter made contribution to the fund for the restoration of Mt. Vernon, and during the war with Spain contributed money and furnished supplies. There are twenty-eight members.

The Sunbury Chapter is interested in the purchase of Fort Augusta by the State. A prize of \$10 was given for the best essay on historical subjects, written by the graduating class of the High School.

The Shikelimo Chapter numbers fifty-two members. Interesting papers on ancestry and Pennsylvania history, as well as other subjects, prizes to students in High School for best essays on local history, and money contributed to Memorial Hall and the Mt. Vernon Association, are reported in full. The residue of money from the war work was divided equally between the Sunbury and Williamsport Hospitals.

The Colonel Crawford Chapter reports thirteen meetings during the year, the Chapter Day celebration, and a decided increase already in numbers, notwithstanding the fact that the new Chapter in Titusville is the offspring of this Chapter. The Chapter membership is twenty-eight, and nine awaiting admission.

The Chester County Chapter, with sixty-four members,

came nobly to the front in war work. It has contributed to the Mt. Vernon and Continental Hall funds; also to the Washington and Lafayette Monuments. Its meetings are well attended and enthusiastic.

The Colonel William Montgomery Chapter holds monthly meetings, and, like all the rest, came out strongly in the war work. It has lost three members by transfer.

The Harrisburg Chapter, as an important center for work in behalf of soldiers, came out conspicuously in its excellent wayside relief work.

The membership is increasing. Prizes were offered for essays by High School girls on patriotic subjects. This Chapter has the honor of holding among its members the Chairman of the Committee which prepared the State Badge for the Pennsylvania Daughters of the American Revolution. It was enthusiastically accepted and generally worn at the Congress by all Pennsylvania Daughters who were present.

The Yorktown Chapter is now under the Regency of Mrs. Henry J. Ebert. It was active through the summer, and reports fine plans for the present year.

The Delaware County Chapter has increased from thirty-five to fifty-seven members, with many application papers awaiting examination.

Bi-monthly meetings are held, at which papers of a literary and historic character are read, and tea is served. The war work stands high on the list. The Regent reports everything in a prosperous condition, the members in perfect harmony, and the Chapter ready to do whatever loyalty requires in the way of work.

The Valley Forge Chapter sends forth a report of no uncertain sound. It holds monthly meetings at the houses of the members, and shows evidence of progress and patriotic zeal.

The Chapter has given money to the suffering Cubans, to the Continental Hall and Mt. Vernon funds, and for the purchase of the Meadow Garden Farm. It offers an annual prize to the High School students for the best historical essay.

The Colonel Hugh White Chapter numbers twenty-six. Two have been removed by death, and three transferred.

The Merion Chapter has printed and circulated such an interesting annual report, that it seems like repetition to give any details. They are much interested in identifying the burying places of revolutionary soldiers in the old graveyards in Lower Merion. Seventy-five of these have been discovered in the vicinity. The study of local history is another special feature.

From this Chapter came the first American flag raised over Porto Rico. It was sent to General Miles by a member of the Chapter, and afterwards returned by him to be kept as a souvenir. It was exhibited on the platform at the Eighth Continental Congress, and is to be used at the unveiling of the Lafayette Monument, at the Paris Exposition.

The George Taylor Chapter has a new Regent, Mrs. William G. Stewart. The members are deeply engrossed in securing the home which belonged to George Taylor, a patriot, and signer of the Declaration of Independence. An appeal has been made to all the Pennsylvania Chapters to aid in purchasing this home. The Chapter did valuable work during the year.

The Cumberland County Chapter reports historical addresses and papers, showing of relics, etc., as the feature of meetings.

Carlisle having been one of the old forts of the State, has an abundance of local history. The war work was a special feature during the summer.

The Venango Chapter, in August, 1898, was called to mourn the loss of its beloved Regent, Mrs. McCalmont. Her successor, Mrs. James D. Hancock, was present at the State Conference and Continental Congress.

The Bellefonte Chapter has also changed its chief officer. Mrs. Mitchell is now the Regent. There are thirty members. Two prizes a year are offered for the best essays on American History. They have placed a marker at their old Fort, which cost about \$100. Much war work has been done here.

The Phoebe Bayard Chapter—Mrs. James Armstrong, Regent—reports a large amount of war relief work, and is still dispensing comfort to the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, at Manila.

This Chapter calls the attention of the others of the State to the idea of a combined fund for the benefit of needy descendants of revolutionary soldiers.

The Susquehanna Chapter—Mrs. James Kerr, Regent—has elected new officers, and promises much activity. Their work of the past summer reads well.

The George Clymer Chapter has worked steadily, and the influence of its work has been felt throughout the community.

The Lebanon Chapter is increasing in numbers. It has lost one member by death during the year. It shows much activity and interest.

The Dial Rock Chapter is on record for valuable war work.

The Lycoming Chapter has held twelve meetings during the year. Its membership has increased from forty to fifty-eight, including one "Real Daughter."

It has furnished and assumed the care of a room in the "Home for the Friendless," to be occupied by a worthy woman well known to the members. It is on record for war relief work, and on National Flag Day presented a flag and flag pole.

The Presque Isle Chapter entered into the war work with great zest. Forty-one members are reported, and twelve awaiting admission. This Chapter is working for the new Public Library in the way of presenting books and oil portraits.

The Conrad Weiser Chapter includes among its charter members the youngest living "Real Daughter," Mrs. Anna Knight Gregory, fifty-five years of age.

Historic papers are read at the Chapter meetings. Money has been forwarded for the Meadow Garden Farm fund. It is interested in local and State history.

The Quaker City Chapter reports an increase of forty-eight. The membership is now about one hundred. Ten meetings have been held during the year.

This Chapter holds in its membership the oldest living "Real Daughter," nearly one hundred and eight years old, Mrs. Sarah Terry. She visited the Chapter in November last and gave interesting reminiscences of her early life in this country and at the Court of Denmark in those early days. She

also was a guest, in December, at the reception given by the State Regent. This Chapter is well instructed in the objects of the Society.

The Witness Tree Chapter reports activity throughout the year in war work especially. It has furnished wood for several gavels for sister Chapters and Historical Societies, and is now interested with one or two other Chapters in preparing the gavel to be used at the Pennsylvania State Conference.

The Germantown Chapter—Mrs. Herman Burgin, Regent—reports three stated meetings, besides social entertainments. There are seventeen members.

The Chapter at Titusville—Mrs. Roger Sherman, Regent—reports only organization. Much war work was done by the members as individual Daughters during the summer.

The latest Chapter, organized in Philadelphia, January 3, 1899—Miss H. L. Baird-Huey, Regent—is the outgrowth of a group of Daughters who unitedly did remarkable work for the soldiers during the summer; and on September 22d, under the auspices of the National Relief Commission, served a luncheon each day at the Quartermaster's Department, Philadelphia, for the benefit of the soldiers being discharged from the hospitals of the city.

Four Regents, who received their appointments in 1896, have sent in their resignations, for the reason that they were unable to organize Chapters in their respective localities.

Before closing, I would like to take this opportunity of stating that the sum total of the War Relief Work of Pennsylvania has increased since the War Report was sent in, from upwards of \$12,000 to \$17,098.87, done by Chapters and Daughters under or outside of Daughters of the American Revolution auspices.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH H. B. ROBERTS,
State Regent.

RHODE ISLAND.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: We have nine Chapters of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, in the small State of Rhode

Island, a gain of one since last year. These Chapters are composed of earnest, noble women alive to the interests of our Society.

The history of the last year is necessarily the history of the work done in the aid of our noble army and most efficient navy. The legitimate work on hand, viz: The procuring of a statue of Rhode Island's hero, General Nathaniel Greene, to be placed in our State House, now in process of erection, was laid aside for the time and work for the army undertaken.

To do efficient work in Rhode Island, we must have the coöperation of all, and that our work in the State was so commendable was owing to the undivided support of our few small cities and towns. From our Chapter treasuries we sent sums of money to the Daughters of the American Revolution Hospital Corps and to the War Fund. The sum sent by the Pawtucket Chapter was the second received by the War Fund Committee. From our Sanitary and Relief Association we sent a box of hospital clothing to the Daughters of the American Revolution Hospital Corps.

Fortunate in being situated so near to Camp Wikoff that we could transport the sick comfortably in boats furnished with all kinds of hospital supplies, and with a staff of surgeons and nurses, we took away and cared for more than three hundred sick soldiers in three Providence hospitals, and in Newport and Woonsocket. This personal aid rendered to the sufferers in the war was the most grateful work done by Rhode Island women. We knew that our efforts were appreciated, and it was a great pleasure to minister to the wants of those modest, grateful men.

Bristol Chapter, during the summer months, arranged entertainments and donated the money to the war work. More than \$100 was given by this means. On August 29th, the anniversary of the battle of Rhode Island, usually observed as a field day, the Chapter met and sewed upon garments for the soldiers. This Chapter has suffered from the loss of three members by death. The Gaspee Chapter also devoted its field day, the anniversary of the burning of the ship Gaspee, to the interests of the war work. Dr. Andrews, of Brown University, gave a patriotic address. The State Regent and Mrs.

Ames, of the Chapter, spoke on the work for the war, and then and there over \$100 were contributed and sent to the surgeon of the Rhode Island Regiment. A sum of money from the Chapter treasury was sent to the Daughters of the American Revolution Hospital Corps. The fund of \$1,000, the interest of which is given to the writer of the historical essay in the Women's College of Brown University, has been completed and turned over to the College authorities.

Pawtucket Chapter, besides the money already mentioned sent hospital supplies to aid in the war work. The regular meetings of this Chapter are especially interesting from the fact that so many papers are contributed by the members of the Chapter. Two "Real Daughters" have become members of this Chapter during the year. We have now six "Real Daughters" in our various Chapters. The Pawtucket Chapter has donated twenty-five dollars to the Lafayette statue.

Woonsocket Chapter raised three hundred dollars for the war work, most of it was spent for comforts for the sick soldiers in Woonsocket Hospital, and a part was sent to the War Fund. The Chapter has also manifested its interest in the purchase of "Wolf Den," that historic spot in Pomfret, Connecticut, where General Putnam killed the last wolf in Windham; the site of which place is to be made into "Wolf Den Park."

The General Nathaniel Greene Chapter, besides sending money to the War Fund, has offered two prizes to be given each year for best historical essays, written by the pupils in the public schools of East Greenwich.

The Narragansett Chapter, though small in numbers, entered into the war work with zeal and accomplished good results. This Chapter has received a "Real Daughter," the youngest child of John Belcher, the patriot and minute man at Lexington in the stirring days of 1775. The Chapter has collected many revolutionary relics.

The Phebe Green Ward Chapter raised one hundred and sixty dollars during the hot summer months, donating amounts to the Rhode Island Regiment, to the War Funds, and for hospital supplies. They have also given to the Lafayette fund and the George Washington Memorial Associa-

tion. The Chapter is always ready to help every good cause and works with might and main to further these purposes.

The William Ellery Chapter has made a contribution to the Continental Hall Fund as a memorial to the signer of the Declaration for whom this Chapter was named. One of the cherished desires of the Regent of this Chapter, Mrs. Eliza Newcomb Alexander, is to bring about the union of the Daughters of the American Revolution with the sister order the Daughters of the Revolution. At our last conference held in Providence, on the afternoon of February 10th, she proposed the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously as the sentiment of the Rhode Island Conference:

Resolved, That we feel it our privilege and duty to give strong expression to our pride in the work accomplished by the Daughters of the American Revolution Hospital Corps, and especially in the honor which has been won for us and for all woman-kind by the efficiency and fitness for the occasion of Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, in her appointment as acting Assistant Surgeon of the Army. At this moment she stands crowned a type of womanhood invaluable to our Nation. Her work quietly, modestly, untiringly accomplished is our glory too.

The new Chapter organized November 26th with fifteen charter members. It is called The Flint Lock and Powder Horn Chapter. The Chapter has already gone earnestly to work in the line legitimate to the purposes of our National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN A. BALLOU,
State Regent.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: The most inspiring thing in the world is that great thing we all intend to do; the most disheartening thing is the little we have done. Purpose and accomplishment—between these two there yawns a gulf of contrast deep and wide, a grave of obstacle

broad and long. And it is beside that grave, and upon the brink of that gulf that I stand to-day, the time having come when I must render to the National Society an account of that stewardship vested in the high office of a State Regent.

One year ago, even before I had turned my back upon the Congress of '98 and fairly lost sight of the Washington Monument, I had mentally taken hold of every woman of revolutionary lineage in South Carolina, and placing them all in line of march was gracefully waving my crook and leading them gently, as the shepherd leads his flock of sheep into the happy fold of patriotism. I realized my opportunity to such an extent, and had already, in my mind's eye, improved it to such a degree, that as Commander-in-Chief on my native heath, I had marshalled a host of new "Daughters" and organized a flourishing Chapter in every county in the State. I did not propose to come to the Congress of '99 and say to that dignified body: "We are at a standstill in South Carolina. No new members. No new Chapters. No progress. No enthusiasm." I did not propose to say that nor do I say it. I do confess, however, with deep humiliation that I have not done the half I purposed to do. Perhaps no pair of hands, be they as deft and industrious as human hands ever were, could accomplish in a given time one half the amount of work planned for them by an earnest and aspiring soul. In the workings of such a spirit there are no difficulties, whereas, in the workings of the world around us there are, alas, so many difficulties: Thus all of my shortcomings are to be laid at somebody else's door; they are attributable entirely to two hard facts—taxes have gone up and cotton has gone down. Now, if it didn't cost anything to be a Daughter of the American Revolution—but it does; and from a certain standpoint I am glad that it does; the thing that costs nothing is in general good for nothing.

So, in these reflections, I take heart of grace and lift my voice in faith and courage, and say to you, that having failed in much, God be thanked, I have succeeded in something.

In the first place, I have endeavored through many personal appeals to the women of my State, those having the high heritage of revolutionary blood, to arouse a greater interest in the cause and excite in their minds and hearts, a recognition of

its claims upon them. My friends, I shall never be satisfied until all are here—every woman in this union of States whose ancestor assisted in bringing about this Union. In one part of our country we have the Grand Army of the Republic, and in another the United Confederate Veterans, but our grand army of patriotic women includes them both and is not confined to any one section. Be it our mission to leaven the whole. One of the most wondrous utterances of the time is that of President McKinley on a recent occasion in Atlanta. He would place a wreath of Forget-Me-Nots on the Southern soldier's grave. Has he done it? That matters not. His expressed desire has won the admiration of every living heart that ever throbbed under a jacket of gray. Forget! Forgive! These tremendous words have resounded in all parts of the earth, nor have they stopped at the Cape of Good Hope, nor on the shores of the Yellow Sea. Ah, no! They have ascended to higher hemispheres, and pierced the very gates of heaven, where the angels when they heard them, must have united their plaudits with the plaudits of men. Great Presidents we have had before now, but here is one who seeks to incorporate the mighty plank of love into the Ship of State—the nectar of heaven into the honeycombs of earth.

May I not place one humble wreath of Carolina palm upon his august brow?

We, as an organization, have been the forerunner in this era of a re-united country. We were banded for that purpose eight years ago, we are still banded together—in spite of the crushing irony of the man in Toronto (whose flapping sails all-awry, our quick witted Editor so adroitly took the wind of): banded to fight the good fight of faith in our native land, faith in her institutions, her principles, her present and her future. Into that future, we shall dip our own fingers—we women. Didn't our grandmothers, as well as your grandfathers, help to make a new world of freedom out of an old world of oppression? Who is to gainsay us? But the beauty of it is, nobody wants to, except the man in Toronto. While our law-makers are anxiously debating the relative merits of expansion and non-expansion, we "Daughters" are just quietly going on in our policy of expansion. What a deal of ignorance there

is! I do not refer to the Congress of the United States, but to ignorance in general, and about us in particular. Some women within the borders of my own State, who, unhappily, are passing their lives far removed from railroad and telegraph facilities, did not know that we had organized until I wrote and told them. They were surprised! And the Regent of another State found among her constituency, one woman who was laboring under the impression that we had tried to get up a little Society, but had signally failed, inasmuch as only one woman of prominence had ever been known to join us!

Do you wonder that a State Regent's lot is not altogether a happy one? And that she writes a good many letters—letters upon letters? Down into the cane-brakes of Four-Hole Swamp, and up into the dark spots which lie among the rising spurs of the Blue Ridge, I have tried to tell them all the good news. We are organized. Some of the women to be found in these sequestered vales would make magnificent "Daughters." Serious, rough of fibre, living close to nature's heart, they are fresh and frank, and full of originality. Was their ancestor a general? A half-clad standard-bearer? A bare-footed drummer boy? An humble private? Whatever he was, if he went to the front under shot and shell, she is entitled to her heritage. We are not the ones to accept the Rose of Sharon and shut our doors upon the Lily of the Valley. Some societies do. They start out with the intention of having no awkward squad in their well-drilled regiment. They enact laws as stringent as the famous Blue Laws of Connecticut, and for what? To keep people in? No; to keep them out. That woman must not be allowed to join because she does not feel at home in peacock's feathers; this one, because she works every day for her bread and butter. Ah, Madam President, and Daughters of the American Revolution, it is not upon such a foundation as this that our great structure is builded. Make room for the homespun frock beside the gown of velvet!

We have but one standard—a good record.

But one pass word—a good character.

Do not misunderstand me here; I do not object to exclusiveness in any other society; I only object to it in this

Society. We are planned like a great painting—we have a great motive. Ours is an historical landscape—not a monochrome.

But I have disgressed to almost unpardonable extent. Now, what of the work in South Carolina? Does it languish? Does it prosper? I believe there is a wider and deeper interest than ever existed before. Notwithstanding high taxes and low cotton, a number of new names have been added to our Chapter lists during the year. One new Chapter has been organized, in the city of Anderson, the Cateechee Chapter, named for the beautiful Indian girl, who, a captive among the Cherokees, walked ninety-six miles to warn the whites of a murderous plot against them. The story of this brave deed has just been presented to the Society's library by the Historian of the Columbia (South Carolina) Chapter. The Regent of the Cateechee is Lulah Ayre Vandiver (Mrs. James R.) who is already known to the readers of the *AMERICAN MONTHLY* through her interesting biographical sketch of Lewis Malone Ayre, the boy hero, Marion's courier at twelve years old, her great-grandfather. For him a Society of the Children of the American Revolution founded in a State far distant from this youth's adventures has been named, the Lewis Malone Ayre Society. Though the Cateechee is the only new Chapter thoroughly organized, the women of Camden and Chester are at last awakened to a warm-hearted sympathy in the wonderful deeds of our noble association. It is but a question of a little more research, a little more necessary time, ere these two Chapters will fall into line. Sweeping my eyes over the whole field, my feeling is this: the seed has been planted, the harvest is sure to come; the torch has been ignited, and the flame of patriotic impulse must ascend higher and higher until every hill-top and every green valley in the Palmetto State shall be alight with its fulgence.

Such is the end, I strive for, labor for, hope for.

Two of my Chapters, the Nathaniel Greene and the Andrew Pickens have had hardships and misfortune during the past year. Their ranks have been thinned by death and by removals to other localities. But they will revive—doubt not, they will revive. I have discovered within their ranks the spirit of self-

helpfulness, and that is the spirit of eternal rejuvenescence. This spirit will enable them to build up their broken ranks and put on a new life. While I am talking about Chapters, let me say this—every State Regent, in our great National system, believes that her own Chapters are the finest going, but bless you, I would not exchange my galaxy of bright particular stars—the Rebecca Motte, the Columbia, the Cowpens, the Catawba, the King's Mountain, the Ethel Marion, and the vigorous young Cateechee (who has Indian blood in her veins) for any other Chapters ever organized on the shining shores of patriotism!

I believe in my Chapters; I believe in them next to my Bible.

Perhaps the most arduous part of my year's work has arisen from the fact that I have had to perform the duties of a State Genealogist and Registrar as well as Regent. In certain localities, many records and papers were destroyed during the Civil war, and in the absence of public libraries in the smaller towns, I have in many instances, through the aid of our State Library, and South Carolina College Library, been able to trace the ancestry of those desiring to become Daughters. This has given me a great deal of pleasure; at the same time, it has necessitated a tremendous correspondence. I will not, in this place, touch upon the war work done among my Chapters during the hundred days war with Spain, having already, in accordance with the wishes of the War Committee, devoted a separate and entire report to that special subject. Permit me, however, to supplement that report with a brief mention of the subsequent work of the Rebecca Motte Chapter, that heroic band of heroic women. Of the soldiers who died in the Charleston hospitals, there are four whose dead bodies have never been removed to their old homes. They lie in four new graves in the Confederate grounds at Magnolia Cemetery, and over their graves, the many visitors who find their way to this beautiful spot, may see four handsome marble slabs, decorated with the Stars and Stripes, to announce to the passer-by that these died in the service of their country. These slabs were erected by a generous and well known citizen of Charleston, Mr. E. T. Viett, the sculptor. He forestalled the Rebecca

Motte Chapter in this graceful act; but, determined to do something as a last tribute to the memory of the departed, the Chapter has had the graves photographed, and sent copies to the distant relatives, that their hearts may be comforted in the knowledge that their loved ones do not sleep among cold strangers, but among those whose kind hands will care for them always. For, it has been agreed, that just as long as Magnolia Cemetery continues to be the resting place of these four soldiers, so long will the Rebecca Motte Chapter be their guardians and their care-takers.

As a member of the Revolutionary Relics Committee, I have endeavored to secure such treasures of the past as would fittingly find a place in our National Museum. It gives me pleasure to place into the hands of the respected Chairman of the Relics' Committee two appropriate and beautiful additions to our historic treasures. First, two bullets dug up on the battlefield of Cowpens, the gift of the Cowpens Chapter, and mounted by them. Secondly, some exquisite pieces of china, whose texture is so interwoven with the early days of the Republic as to make it of interest, not alone to every Daughter of the American Revolution, but likewise the public in general. Hence, I consider it not amiss to transcribe the account of the same as it appeared in the columns of the *Columbia State*, under date of January 14th: "The Hon. William A. Courtenay, ex-Mayor of Charleston, contributes a cluster of leaves redolent of the perfume of the past. He opens the great tomb of history and reads us a pretty page or two. If the early years of the Nation were stern and anxious, they were brightened by amenities and graces like these portrayed in this interesting record. We see the French officers who served with Washington, butterflies in the salon, but falcons when the hour came to strike their prey. The story of this elegant gift to Martha Washington will have its sequel in February, when the State Regent of South Carolina delivers her offering into the keeping of the National depository of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington. Of the elegant presents given to the President and Mrs. Washington, three linger in the public mind. 1. The French officers, who served with General Washington in the Continental

Army, presented to him an elegant Order of the Cincinnati, studded with precious stones, about two hundred in number. The leaves of the olive branches and wreath are composed of emeralds, the berries of rubies, and the eagle's beak of amethysts. Above the eagle is a group of military emblems, flags, drums and cannon, surrounding a ribbon, etc. This elegant jewel has been worn by the Presidents General of the Society of the Cincinnati to this day, and was so worn by the brothers, C. C. and Thomas Pinckney, of South Carolina, from 1805 to 1829. 2. A set of French china, presented by the officers of the French Army, to General Washington. It was of a dull white color, with heavy scroll and leaf ornaments in bandeau of deep blue, and having upon the sides of the cups and tureens and in the bottoms of the plates, saucers, and meat dishes, the Order of the Cincinnati, held by fame, personated by a female figure, draped with a trumpet; all painted in delicate color. 3. A set of French china, presented to Mrs. Martha Washington by officers of the French Navy. The ornamentation was more delicate in color than the General's set. The outer edge displays a serpent, with his tail in his mouth, an emblem of endless time. Next is a chain of large and small links; on the larger are the names of fifteen States—Vermont and Kentucky with the 'Old Thirteen.' There is a sun burst in the centre, displaying the monogram, 'M. W.' On a ribbon below is inscribed the motto, '*Deus et tutamen ab ille.*' This brings us to a proposed gift to the Daughters of the American Revolution in February next and reference to it will be of public interest. When Mrs. Andrew Pickens, Vice-Regent for South Carolina of the Mount Vernon Association, undertook and successfully completed the beautiful restoration and refurnishing of the dining-room at Mount Vernon, a handsome corner cupboard was secured. She was assisted in all this patriotic work by the then Mayor of Charleston, W. A. Courtenay. An empty corner cupboard, of course, would not do, so after some trouble and delay, a cup, saucer, and plate of the Martha Washington china was secured as a pattern, and an order was sent to Limoges, France, for fifteen sets, to represent the then fifteen States in the Union, so that the cupboard should recall the past. To secure this object, an order for a larger number had

to be sent on, Mr. Courtenay securing the surplus. Last summer, the State Regent of South Carolina, visiting 'Innisfallen,' was attracted by the beautiful and historic china, and solicited a set for the Daughters, there being a cup, saucer, and plate, then unappropriated. It is needless to say, the ex-Mayor surrendered to the ladies, and on New Year's day placed in Mrs. Waring's hands these fac-similies of the Martha Washington china. He has also furnished a golden shield, on which the three pieces are neatly displayed."

In this connection, permit me to call attention to the fact, that the presents enumerated herein all came from France, so it does appear to be not only a pleasure but likewise a duty on our part to make some recognition of that country's claim upon our courtesy. Therefore, I, for one, rejoice in the proposed Washington Statue and Lafayette Memorial, to be presented to France in 1900. I have sought to stimulate my Chapters to take a deep interest in them and am assured that they will give generously, according to their means.

In concluding this report, Madam President and Daughters of the American Revolution, it only remains for me to offer my heartfelt congratulations for the wonderful work done by our great organization during the past year, and to proffer a hearty Godspeed for the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

MALVINA S. WARING,
State Regent.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: The year 1899 brought in nine new members. These members do not mean all the growth of our noble work. It means far more—that interest is growing, that many are searching for records and are eager to join. That earnest labor is bringing a slow but sure success. This is a difficult field; the scattered and shifting population, meager railroad facilities, all combine to retard our efforts. This winter the grippe has meant to us more than one lion in our path. We entreat our

Sister Regents and great and populous States to have patience until we, by one more year's care and watering, find the blossoms from our barren soil. Hundreds of letters have been written to unite the thought of this frontier State on our work, and slowly success is coming. We are greatly encouraged by noble hearts who are interested; but now our last calamity is the illness throughout the country. The State Regent is detained from the Congress, and at this last moment her authorized delegate is also ill and cannot go. It now being too late to appoint another this silent messenger is sent. The determination to succeed even under difficulties must be recorded. That God's blessing be with our beloved Congress and each individual Daughter is the prayer of

MRS. ANDREW J. KELLAR,
State Regent,

TENNESSEE.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: Tennessee's twelve Chapters desire to extend their loyal greetings, and express their wishes that the present meeting of the Congress may be most successful and harmonious.

After an earnest and faithful service of six years, my honored predecessor, Mrs. J. Harvey Mathes, transmitted the work to me in February, 1898, in a flourishing condition, as appears from her excellent report of that date.

The Tennessee Centennial Celebration of 1897 gave an impetus to patriotic work in the State; many who were formerly indifferent to the high aims of the Society became enthusiastic workers in our ranks. There was a general awakening of interest in historical subjects among all classes, and especially among the school children, whom it is most desirable to inspire with the heroic spirit of '76.

The Tennessee Daughters of the American Revolution contributed liberally last year to the Continental Hall fund; and hoped this year to have some suitable monuments erected over the neglected graves of revolutionary soldiers who lie buried in many of our cemeteries, a work in which other States

have accomplished so much. The war, however, turned our thoughts and energies into other channels of vital importance, and most effectively did the Daughters labor for the sick and suffering among the soldiers. Liberal contributions were gladly made for them. A detailed report of that work by Tennessee Chapters was sent in December to the War Committee of the National Board, which, doubtless, will be published in the Magazine of our Society. Suffice it to say, the Chickamauga Chapter, at Chattanooga, Mrs. H. G. Chamberlain, Regent, accomplished a great work during the occupation of camps at Chickamauga Park. Other Chapters which did effective work for the soldiers were the Watauga, at Memphis, Mrs. Clarence Seldon, Regent; Bonny Kate, Knoxville, Miss Ella Hunt, Regent; Campbell, Nashville, Mrs. Eugene C. Lewis, Regent; Cumberland, Nashville, Mrs. George W. Fall, Regent; Hermitage, Memphis, Mrs. Calvin Perkins, Regent; Margaret Gaston, Lebanon, Mrs. B. J. Tarver, Regent; Count Pulaski Chapter, Pulaski, Mrs. John S. Wilkes, Regent; Old Glory, Franklin, Miss Susie Gentry, Regent; Shelby, Shelbyville, Mrs. Phillip Scudder, Regent; Jane Knox, Columbia, Mrs. William Morgan, Regent. Some of the above Chapters did not contribute to the War Fund, but gave aid and comfort, in many acceptable ways, to the sick and wounded soldiers in the hospitals in different parts of the country. Commodore Perry Chapter, a new one now being organized in Memphis, by Mrs. Charles M. Bryan, bids fair to be a great help to the Society in the western portion of the State, Memphis already having two large, well organized Chapters. Clarksville, Hartsville, Murfreesboro, Cleveland, Harriman, and McMinnville all hope to report organized Chapters by the next Congress. Many of our Chapters are making a systematic study of the early history of the United States, some beginning with the History of England, and making a thorough study of that before taking up the History of the Colonies in America. One Chapter is placing the portraits of the Heroes of '76 in one of the largest public schools in Nashville, and as far as possible will place the picture of the wife of each with that of her husband.

Some of our Chapters have contributed to the fund for the purchase of the Meadow Garden Farm, in Georgia, the home of George Walton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. All are interested in the erection of the Washington and Lafayette Monuments in Paris next year, and are now raising funds for that purpose.

The founding of a great National University at Washington is an idea that is dear to the Daughters in Tennessee, and they hope to be able to assist in carrying out this great conception of General Washington. Indeed, the Tennessee Daughters of the American Revolution are recognized as presenting the truest idea of Christian patriotism, well organized for the work, and when our Country calls we will respond; our lives and treasure are consecrated to patriotic labor. We hope to increase and extend our work in the good cause as the years advance, rearing those who shall wisely and nobly guide and defend our beloved Republic in its onward and upward course through a future so full of different, momentous problems and glorious possibilities.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET CAMPBELL PILCHER,
State Regent.

TEXAS.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: I have the honor to report a year of progress in Texas. Two new Chapters have been organized, each with fourteen members, the one in Fort Worth, the other in Austin. Both give promise of activity and usefulness. Mrs. Elizabeth D. Bell, of Fort Worth, is Regent of the Mary Isham Keith Chapter, and Mrs. Ira H. Evans presides over the Austin Chapter (not yet named). We believe that this Chapter, located in the Capital City of Texas, under the enlightened and efficient management of its Regent and her corps of able assistants, will do much to promote the prosperity of the Order in this great State. It proposes the concentration of all scattered

forces by offering Chapter affiliation to all isolated members. It will hold a reunion, at least annually, for these non-resident members and delegates from all the Chapters in the State, quickening patriotic sentiment by social contact and intellectual sympathy.

The Jane Douglas Chapter, of Dallas, reports the addition of three to its roll of members. This Chapter is faithful in the observance of memorial days. It will celebrate the birthday of Washington this year by a reception at the Dallas Club-rooms. Mrs. John L. Henry continues to preside over the Chapter, which owes its first organization to her patriotic enthusiasm and social charm.

The George Washington Chapter, of Galveston, maintains its high position. The Secretary, in a recent letter, writes in regard to the National University: "I feel sure the Daughters of the American Revolution could apply their influence and energy to no more magnificent work than this fulfilling of our Washington's beneficent project. I feel sure I am speaking for the Chapter also, and I know they will do all they can meanwhile in the way of recommending the representatives to be generous in their consideration of the bill."

There have been accessions in Houston, El Paso, Paris, but not enough to supply the number requisite for any organization.

I have sent in no report on the work done in Texas during the war with Spain, as there was no concerted action of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Texas. As individuals, many were actively interested, and both Dallas and Galveston Chapters endorsed nurses' applications. The State Regent received numbers of letters from women who were anxious to be enrolled in the service, but as only a very limited number could show diplomas from Training and Hospital Schools, their petitions could not be granted under the rules. Texas sent four trained nurses.

The State Regent having given her only son to his country's service, did what little she could, working with the local Chapter of U. D. C., which was busy with hospital sewing when the protocol announced cessation of hostilities. These

ladies sent \$50 in money to the Hospital Corps, and several large packages to the Jacksonville hospitals.

My son-being ill with fever at Jacksonville, a lady nurse whom I had recommended, repaid me for all my summer's work, by notifying me of his illness. During ten days spent in the First Division Hospital, at Jacksonville, I saw such evidences of kindness, devotion to duty, and unselfishness among the nurses and attendants (there were men only in these wards) that I take pleasure in stating these facts, and thus publicly expressing my gratitude for kindnesses extended to myself and to my "soldier laddie." The only souvenir brought back from this journey is the "Red Cross" badge, which was given me at my request, and is not less highly prized because it bears evidence of service. It was worn by one of the modest heroes, who would blush to find himself made famous for simply doing his duty.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE ANDERSON CLARK,
State Regent.

VERMONT.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: The work of forming Chapters in the "Old Green Mountain State" has been delayed this past year on account of so much being done for our soldiers. Our hearts and hands have been filled with work for the loved ones who went forward to the front, and all that we could do to keep them has been done. The report of the work has already been recorded in our Monthly. We have been called to mourn the loss of ten Daughters this past year; one "Real Daughter," Mrs. William Hall, of Ann Story Chapter; six have been transferred to other States. We have at present 462 Daughters, eleven "Real Daughters and fifteen Chapters in the State. Two new Chapters are forming and we hope soon to have them organized.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. BURDETT,
State Regent.

VIRGINIA.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: It gratifies me to report to you an increased interest and membership throughout the State in our Society. I feel deeply the sympathy and cordial support I have received from the Virginia Daughters during this my first year as State Regent, making thereby my work a real pleasure. I regret that I cannot report some Chapters formed; although I have given much of my time to this work it has been without success, but in the near future, I think, Virginia can count two more Chapters among her number, one in Fredericksburg, with Mrs. F. K. Huraid as Regent, and one in Hampton, where Mrs. W. H. Armstrong has accepted my appointment as Regent. Under the able management of these ladies I feel sure of very enterprising Chapters. The war work in Virginia was most creditable, but as a full report of that has already been given I will not repeat it. The annual meeting of the State Conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in Virginia, was held in Norfolk, December 7th, 8th and 9th, and did much to bring to light the splendid work done in the State. The delegates were entertained by the Great Bridge Chapter, of Norfolk, and the Fort Nelson Chapter, of Portsmouth, right loyally. The morning was given up to business. Reports were made by each Chapter Regent, which showed that in the last year they had been particularly active, not only in the war work but also in historical study and patriotic work. Many subjects of interest and for the good of the Society were discussed, and the Conference as a whole resolved to support Mrs. Daniel Manning as their candidate for President General. The afternoon and evenings were spent in a social way, a typical Virginia oyster roast on the shore of the bay, and an evening reception at one of Norfolk's most beautiful old homes. The last day the entire Conference was taken on a special steamer, tendered by one of the Daughters of the Great Bridge Chapter, to the Navy Yard, Newport News and Old Point Comfort. At the last place a beautiful lunch was served at the Hotel Chamberlain. Our President General graced these social meetings and won all hearts by her charming and gracious manner, and

responded most gracefully to a toast given in her honor at the lunch. Enough cannot be said in favor of State Conferences, as they inspire every one with a zeal for work and patriotism.

Respectfully submitted,

SALLIE NEWTON PAGE,
State Regent.

WYOMING.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: In reporting the Daughters of the American Revolution work in Wyoming for the past year I will say that for some time, both during the Regency of my predecessor and during my own term of office, it has seemed almost impossible to awaken any interest in the Daughters of the American Revolution organization, but I have the pleasure of knowing at this time that a number of ladies have signified their intention of joining the Society as soon as their records can be completed. To do this takes time, because of the distance from the places of their nativity where such data are to be found, as a lengthy correspondence is often necessary.

I expected that a State Chapter would be formed in Wyoming and that it would be represented by a Chapter Regent and alternate in the coming Congress. While disappointed that delays have prevented the accomplishment of our purpose, the work is progressing and the Congress of 1900 will find Wyoming in line with the rest of the States. The Daughters of the American Revolution work could have been prosecuted more vigorously, excepting for the war which turned the minds, hearts and hands of our ladies to the immediate needs of the hour and gave them no time for searching records of the past. The progress has been made mainly since the war work was finished, but the limited time remaining did not admit of our completing the Chapter before the Congress of 1899, which I very much regret.

Feeling that Wyoming is swinging into line, I submit this report as State Regent.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN M. WARREN,
State Regent.

WISCONSIN.

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: The preparation of a State Regent's report in Berlin, Prussia, after more than a year's absence from the scene of action, presents many difficulties, in spite of an effort to keep "in touch" with the work, through a systematic correspondence with the Chapter Regents; it was hoped that all expected replies would have been received by February, but there has been delay. Of the work in general, in Wisconsin, it may be said that the interest on organized lines has gained in interest, and the memberships gradually increased. More attention has been paid to creating an outside interest in communities, notably by arranging exercises to commemorate special days, the offering of prizes, etc., while the necessity of the war has called forth generous efforts to extend relief to the sick and wounded.

Of the points where there have for sometime been Regents, with the neucleus of a Chapter, there is the same report, either a lack of interest on the part of those who are eligible, or the inability of others to take up another organization owing to the prior claim of charities, philanthropy or the once popular Woman's Club.

As a lengthy report of Chapter work is not desired, only hints can be given, and as the lists of officers was given last year, only changes will be indicated.

The officers of the Milwaukee Chapter were re-elected with the exception of the Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Historian, Mesdames E. C. Gray, F. H. Spaulding and W. E. Anderson being the new incumbents. The work of the Chapters have been on the usual lines, but much effort has been expended in behalf of the soldiers, hospitals, etc.

In the early part of the Daughters of the American Revolution year the regular monthly meetings were augmented by special meetings to celebrate anniversaries, the dates February 22d, April 19th, May 10th and July 17th having been selected.

The report received shows literary exercises (on patriotic lines) of marked excellence, and on alternate months social features have been added. October 19th the Sons of the

American Revolution gave an elaborate evening reception, the Daughters of the American Revolution being guests of honor.

The practical work of the Chapter for the relief of the soldiers shows rich results, the details will doubtless be given elsewhere; however, we will note 814 garments and made articles, with quantities of jelly, currantade, malted milk and numbers of air pillows, books, old linen, etc. \$50.00 was also appropriated from the Chapter fund, and later a much larger contribution from the proceeds of four productions of an opera, given under the auspices of the Colonial Dames and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Taken altogether the "summing up" shows an active, earnest and helpful year.

The Janesville Chapter comes next in the order of organization. Of this (and the remaining Chapters) much less data has been received, but enough to show that it is continuing to be an object lesson to instill patriotism to the community at large. First, by giving one public entertainment each year, with features of unique and vital interest, hence never fails to secure a large and interested audience. The last entertainment covered an afternoon and evening, the former for children; essays were read on "The Life of Washington before the Revolution," a young girl winning the prize. The "living pictures" on both occasions were reproductions of the olden times.

The meetings on alternate months are held at the homes of members. It is inferred there has been little or no official change during the year, and the record, as a whole, indicates steady growth.

The Kenosha Chapter, Mrs. J. H. Kimball, Regent, is the third in date of organization in the State; for lack of a detailed report it may be stated that the Chapter has sustained its previous standard of excellent work on all lines.

Mrs. J. H. Kimball is still Chapter Regent with little official change.

The brief report from the Beloit Chapter shows a year of unusual interest, as regards the regular program, with some special features, one the offering a prize to the High School senior class, for the best essay on "Why were our Ancestors

victorious in the Revolution?" And at a large public gathering the essays were read and prize conferred.

A fine flag and staff was presented to the city, and, July 4th, thousands gathered to witness the raising of the same with appropriate ceremonies. The Beloit Chapter advocates yearly rotation in office, but the result of the third election is not known further than the election of Mrs. E. F. Hansen as Regent.

The report of the La Crosse Chapter opens with a graceful acknowledgment of the honor conferred by the election of the Chapter Regent, Mrs. Angus Cameron, as a National Vice-President General.

Mrs Van Steerwick was elected Regent, and the other officers remained unchanged. The literary and social features of the regular program continued as previously reported, but the opening meeting of October was of unusual significance, owing to an elaborate dinner being given the Chapter at the residence of Mrs. G. S. Hixies. While October 25th, a prize reception was held at the Wanidschick Club house in honor of Lieutenant C. W. Zwegen, a survivor of the Maine disaster, and a former resident.

The active work of the Chapter later, included measures for the relief of the soldiers; quantities of bed pads, old flannel, linen and water bottles, (the latter contributed by the Sons of the American Revolution) were sent to the Military Hospital at Chattanooga, the local companies having been sent to that point. A committee of Daughters of the American Revolution also enlisted public interest, with the result that the mayor called a public meeting to devise ways and means, with the result that a large sum of money was pledged monthly for the aid of the sick soldiers and their destitute families. The Secretary adds "The Chapter has not only given pleasure and benefit to its own members, but it has set in motion public and patriotic work, that no other organization seemed ready to undertake."

We are thus far in receipt of only the spring and summer data of the Oshkosh Chapter. At the last meeting before vacation season, the officers of the previous year were re-elected, and a Chaplain, Mrs. DeLong, and a committee of safety

added. Mrs. Hough, the hostess, had arranged social features and also a display of many family revolutionary relics. The result of a later special meeting, was the sending of an expensive convalescent tent to the Second Wisconsin Volunteers, which was fitted up with chairs, tables, couches and as a library and writing room, and gave great satisfaction.

A later report speaks of continued good work, but contains the sad intelligence of the death of the active Vice-Regent, Mrs. Helen J. Soper, a woman of rare executive ability, of intellectual worth, and earnestly devoted to the interests of the Chapter, while deeply sympathizing with the broader issues of the work, as exemplified on National lines. Mrs. E. P. Sawyer, the Regent, has written feelingly of the loss the Chapter has sustained. The State Regent does not recall the previous death of a Daughter of the American Revolution official in Wisconsin.

We will now consider three new Chapters, two of which the State Regent had expected to have organized in the spring of '98.

The Stevens Point Chapter was organized June 4th, with a membership of sixteen; the exercises were literary and social, ending with a collation, the afternoon having an essentially patriotic coloring. The officers are as follows: Regent, Mrs. G. E. McDill; Vice-Regent, Mrs. W. W. Mitchell; Secretary, Miss R. G. Cate; Registrar, Mrs. N. Reton; Treasurer, Mrs. Orim Parmeter; Historians, Miss M. E. Tanner, Mrs. Jno. Strope; Board of Management, Mrs. D. W. Owen, Miss E. E. Smith, Miss Genevieve Webster.

The Chapter at Reedsbury was organized on Flag day, June 14th, hence the exercises were appropriate for that occasion, and ended with social cheer. The name Fay Robinson was adopted, an ancestor of the Regent, Mrs. R. P. Perry; the remaining officers are as follows: Secretary, Mrs. Della Dennett; Treasurer, Mrs. A. R. Ryan; Registrar, Mrs. W. K. Ramsay. The meetings the first year are to be held quarterly.

The Portage Chapter, named Wanban, was organized November 1st, 1898, at the residence of the Regent, Mrs. A. C. Flanders, with the following officers: Vice-Regent, Mrs. M. C. VonOstrand; Registrar, Mrs. E. J. Edwards; Secretary, Mrs. L. A. Holden; Treasurer, Mrs. L. B. Latimer; His-

torian, Mrs. C. M. Rodine. An address by Mrs. L. A. Holden followed. The exercises were in the form of a reception. Great interest prevailed, and the members met with more of a home feeling, owing to some preliminary work, first by observing Flag day, with exercises in which the children of the Daughters of the American Revolution took part, and later proceeding in a body to decorate the grave of a revolutionary soldier, who rests in Old Fort cemetery.

The plans for work and methods in general, are to be in harmony with the spirit of the National Constitution, and sister Chapters. Passing to points with the nucleus of Chapters under the furtherance of a Regent, much disappointment has been expressed in some quarters, that the requisite twelve members have not been secured when promised. Others express the opinion that there are too many other interests to admit of the probability of securing a Chapter in the near future, and are willing to resign. A list of Chapter Regents is appended: Mrs. Virginia Foulkes, Fon-du-lac; Mrs. D. A. Olin, Racine; Mrs. T. H. Woodward, Eau Claire; Mrs. G. C. Ginty, Chippewa Falls; Mrs. Chas. S. Morris, Berlin; Mrs. Geo. D. Cline, Hudson; Mrs. H. J. Bamford, Plymouth; Mrs. Geo. W. King, Keweenaw; Mrs. J. W. Dunham, Depere.

Two resignations only have been sent to the State Regent, Mrs. Bertin Ramsay, of Appleton, on account of continued absence abroad and Mrs. Charity Rusk, who has ceased to be a resident of Wisconsin, having removed to Asheville, North Carolina.

It has been difficult to arrive at correct conclusions, when so distant from the scene of action, but the impression has been received that the live issues growing out of the war have overshadowed revolutionary claims, and for the time being proved an obstacle although the patriotic impulse must have been quickened.

The State Regent desires to make grateful acknowledgment of the offer of assistance proposed by Mrs. Angus Cameron, a National Vice-President General, and Mrs. F. H. Brown and associate officers of the Milwaukee Chapter, and also the prompt coöperation of the Regents of Chapters in accepting the greater responsibility, which her continued absence made inevitable.

The reflex influence of the great drama of action, which the war opened out, has been felt even "across the sea," and the magnificent work of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in behalf of the soldiers, has warmed the hearts of their countrywomen, and called forth expressions of appreciation from all.

Trusting that the Daughters of the American Revolution year just opening will yield rich results, this necessarily imperfect report is,

Respectfully submitted,

ELLEN M. H. PECK,
State Regent.

Berlin, Prussia, February 15th, 1899.

WASHINGTON

Madam President and Members of the Eighth Continental Congress: Herewith I submit to you my second annual report as State Regent Daughters of the American Revolution for the State of Washington.

No new Chapters have been formed during the past year, but additions have been made to the Chapters already existing.

Mary Ball Chapter, of Tacoma, has now fifty-four members. Rainier Chapter, of Seattle, has twenty-eight members.

The absorbing events during the past year have added great interest to our meetings and much aid has been given the Red Cross and Emergency Corps by our members, who thought it was wiser to join with them than work alone.

Here on the Pacific Coast we stand face to face with the Asiatic problem. When we have seen our soldiers take ship at our own wharves and steam away to the Philippines or to Hawaii, the glory of our Revolution becomes dimmed for a time by the deeds of the present and the bravery of our own Boys in Blue, and the work done for their aid and comfort seems just as patriotic as that performed by our grandmothers of a hundred years ago.

In each of the cities of Spokane and Walla Walla a sufficient number of eligible women have been found to form a

Chapter, and also in each one member of the National Society who can be commissioned as Chapter Regent, therefore, we hope to announce two more Chapters in next report.

There are two Chapters of young people, the Mary Lamphier, of Tacoma, and Thomas Tickering, of Seattle, who are studying the history of our patriots. Reports from the Regents are sent to the proper authorities in Washington, District of Columbia.

Mary Ball Chapter, in Tacoma, has contributed during the year past \$138.00 to the War fund, and now has on hand \$82.00 to be expended in the erection of a drinking fountain in our public park in memory of Mrs. Narcissa Whitman, who was the first teacher in our State and the only historic woman. She and her husband, Dr. Marcus Whitman, who was both physician and missionary, were massacred by the Indians at Walla Walla in 1847.

Since the organization of the Rainier Chapter in Seattle, it has contributed money to the following named objects: It influenced the school children to take up penny collections, which amounted to \$50.00 for the Francis Scott Key monument fund. The Chapter added \$15.00, which made the sum \$65.00. To the Martha Washington fund, \$5.00; to the Cuban Hospital fund, \$5.00; to the Continental Hall fund, \$10.00; to the United States Ship, "Olympia," \$5.00; to the Whitman Monument fund, \$10.00.

At all the regular meetings of the Chapter members, the study of American history has been continued. At the social meetings the Sons have been invited, and the gain has been mutual. The December meeting of the Mary Ball Chapter, took the form of an English Christmas celebration, as described by Washington Irving. The peculiar trailing moss of the Coast lent itself very kindly to the mural adornment in connection with holly and ribbons red, white and blue, and par excellence "Old Glory." The quaint costumes of the Sons and Daughters, representing the styles of the times that tried men's souls, fitted well with the scene in the hall where burned the Yule log, while stories were told and jollity held sway. The stately minuet was danced by eight chosen Sons and

Daughters; then all partook of a repast where cake and wassail were bountifully dispensed.

Interest has been aroused and membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution has become valuable and desirable. Women from adjoining towns and villages have been received as members and thus our Chapters all enlarged and our influence extended. We are assured by the increasing interest manifested by the public in our Society that its formation was a wise and patriotic movement. We know that our great-grandparents builded better than they knew, for they put here

"A church without a bishop,
A State without a king."

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA A. GRIGGS,
State Regent.



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AT the April meeting of the National Board of Management, D. A. R., the following motion was unanimously passed:

"Resolved, That the following notice be inserted in the AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE: 'Chapters shall send to headquarters, D. A. R., 902 F street, Washington, D. C., notice of deaths, resignations, marriages and all changes of addresses and list of officers.' "

NATIONAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

FRIDAY, February 17, 1899.

The National Board of Management met at 902 F street, at 10 o'clock.

Members present: Mrs. Hatch, Mrs. Frye, Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. Burdette, Mrs. Stakeley, Mrs. Newcomb, Mrs. Main, Mrs. Sperry, Mrs. Abner Hoopes, Mrs. Slocum, Mrs. Shippen, Mrs. Depue, Mrs. Alger, Mrs. Holley, Miss Temple, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Akers, Mrs. Hatcher, Mrs. Seymour, Miss Benning, Miss Forsyth, Mrs. Belden, Mrs. Howard, Dr. McGee, Mrs. Darwin, Miss Hetzel, Mrs. Goodloe, Mrs. Fairbanks, Mrs. Colton, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Porter King.

The meeting was called to order by the Recording Secretary General, who stated that a message had been received from the President General, who was too ill to attend the meeting. Nominations for a Chairman for the day were now in order. Mrs. Jewett was nominated and elected, and took the Chair. Prayer was offered by the Chaplain General.

The minutes of the previous meeting were called for. The Recording Secretary General asked the indulgence of the Board, explaining that the minutes were unavoidably delayed in being transcribed, but would be in readiness before the adjournment of the Board.

The reports were then called for in routine order, but the officers having failed to understand this to be the regular meeting of the Board, the same were presented irregularly.

Mrs. Hatch, Treasurer General, presented her report, which was accepted.

Mrs. Darwin, Librarian General, presented the following report, which was accepted.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN GENERAL, February 17, 1899.—The following bound volumes have been added to the library since the last report: 1. Parliamentary Rules, by Mrs. E. H. Walworth, from the author; 2-3. Porcupine Gazette, two additional volumes; 4-10. Reports of Early Congresses, containing much information about Virginia grant lands (these seven volumes are the gift of our ever generous friend, Mr. Robert Stockwell Hatcher); 11. Old Kent, the Eastern Shore of Maryland, from Nicholas E. Jones; 12-13. Our Country, Vols. VI and VII, from Mr. Wilson L. Gill; 14. Fort Dusquesne and Fort Pitt, from the Pittsburg Chapter; 15. Reports of War Relief Board, Cleveland, Ohio, from Elroy M. Avery; 16. Early Connecticut Marriages; 17. Early Massachusetts Marriages (these two are from F. W. Bailey, in exchange); 18. Cateechee of Keeowel, from Mrs. Isabel D. Martin; 19. Notes and Queries, 1898, from Harrisburg Publishing Company; 20. Maryland Archives, Vol. XVII, from Mrs. J. P. Thom; 21. The Tuttle Family, from Mrs. M. A. Coverly.

Unbound volumes have also been received as follows: 1. Captain Roger Jones, of London and Virginia, from Mr. Nicholas E. Jones; 2. Record of the Pettibone Family; 3. Program of the Sa-go-ye-wat-ha Chapter; 4. Colonial Boundaries of Virginia and Maryland, from Gilbert Thompson; 5. A second copy of the same from the District of Columbia Society of Colonial Wars; 6-12. Presentation of the Battle Flags; Egypt, its Monuments, etc.; Transactions of the Oneida Historical Society, 1881-1884, 1885-1886, 1889-1892, 1895-1897, 1898, all from the Society in exchange; 13. "Who Built the Fort?" from the Pittsburgh Chapter; 14. History of New York City Chapter, from the Historian, Miss Emma Lathrop; 15. By-Laws of the Denver Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, from the Chapter; 16. Elizabeth Ross Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, program and roster of members, from Mrs. Martha Thrall; 17. Fargo Blue Book, from Mrs. Lounsberry; 18. Report of National Officers. 1899; 19. Monument in memory of Rubena Hyde Walworth; 20-28. Nederlands Familie-Archief, being the genealogies of the Browne, Crommelin, Steyn, Meyner, Van Beesttingh, Lestenoven, Dunbar (Dunbar), Groenix Van Zoelen and Huyssen van Cattendyke families; 29. Banquet of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution, in exchange.

The current periodicals were as follows: 1. American Colonial Tracts, for October, 1898; 2. AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE, for February, 1899; 3. Connecticut Quarterly; 4. Annals of Iowa, Third Series, Vol. 3, No. 8; 5. Bulletin New York Public Library for January; 6. Spirit of '76, from the publishers.

Two books plates were received from the Vassar College Chapter, in exchange.

In my final report, it seems fitting that the needs of the library should be set forth more plainly than my inexperience enabled me to do when I began work two years ago. You will thus be better able to help my successor.

The Librarian should be the helper of the Registrar and the Historian. They trace genealogies and state facts. But she should be able to show where the facts and genealogies may be found. This can be done only through a very close index of the library. Those who have seen me at work have doubtless wondered how any one could possibly occupy so much time over so few books. But just as the card catalogue of members and ancestors are invaluable, so an index of the information of our books is a necessity. That is precisely what I have been trying to make during the last two years. It involves writing thousands of cards which shall serve as guides to the innumerable scattered references in our books to names to which there is no published clue. It also requires some judgment in selecting the facts to be indexed, that even one inexperienced can find the clue to the information sought. Time is very truly money in these busy days,

and such an index as described will save to the Society much time which is now spent in a search that would be needless if the facts buried in these volumes were readily accessible.

But one pair of hands cannot make an index of even one thousand two hundred and fifty books in two years, if the volumes must be begged for and suitably acknowledged when received, and if a look out is kept for new books and new ways by which to secure them. Though working as fast and as late as I could, the index is as yet only a part of what it should be. It embraces most of the books which have come in during my term, but with all diligence it has been impossible to work backwards very far. A mere catalogue of one thousand two hundred and fifty books by authors and titles is not much of a task. But we need an index, not merely a catalogue. Therefore, I hope that my successor may have a permanent, trained library clerk to help her in this work.

But the best index is of little service if the books are out of place. Some one must have the special duty of keeping them in their places. That means the presence of the Librarian or her assistant in the office from 9 a. m. until 4 or 5 p. m. Only a paid clerk could be expected to do that.

Additional shelves will soon be needed—indeed, are now needed—and should be ordered immediately after the Congress, and a case will soon have to be provided for the growing scrap book.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

GERTRUDE B. DARWIN,
Librarian General.

The Registrar General, Miss Hetzel, presented the following report: Applications presented, 232; applications verified awaiting dues, 48; applications on hand unverified, 55; badge permits issued, 184; deaths, —; resignations, —.

Miss Forsyth inquired if the acceptance of this report also meant the acceptance of the resignations; she was of the opinion that no resignations could be accepted by the Board, unless first submitted to the State Regent, she therefore moved that the report be accepted but not the resignations. Second. Mrs. Hoopes asked if it were not always the rule that resignations were presented to the Chapters first, and then forwarded to the Board for acceptance? Mrs. Hatch answered this question as follows: "The Chapters send in many and most of the resignations and deaths. When they are received, I generally write to them inquiring if they wish to resign from the Society or Chapter only, so these resignations have been through the hands of the Chapter Regents before presented here."

Miss Forsyth stated that from her experience she thought it more advisable not to accept the resignations.

Mrs. Hatch stated that often when members were in arrears for

their dues, they sent in their resignations, but she thought they should be "dropped."

Miss Hetzel recalled the fact that in February the Board accepted ten resignations. The minutes being called for, the Recording Secretary read an extract from the February minutes. Miss Forsyth then moved that the report be accepted, with the exceptions of the resignations. Carried.

Mrs. Darwin moved the announcement of deaths be accepted with regret. Carried.

Dr. McGee moved that the Recording Secretary cast the ballot for the new members. Carried.

Mrs. Henry, Corresponding Secretary, made the following report: Letters received, 188; letters answered, 93; postals, 52; application blanks issued, 2,492; officers' lists, 160; Caldwell's circulars, 160; Constitutions, 306. Report was accepted.

Mrs. Fairbanks, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented her report, which, after discussion, was accepted.

Mrs. Frye, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, stated there was no report from this committee as the Treasurer's books were in the hands of the Auditor.

Mrs. Hatcher, Chairman of Printing Committee, presented her report, which was accepted.

No reports from the following committees, which were called for in order by the Chairman: Revolutionary Relics, Mrs. Lindsay, Chairman; Magazine, Miss Forsyth, Chairman; University, Mrs. Walworth, Chairman; relative to this committee, Mrs. Newcomb stated that circulars had been sent out, committees formed, but no work accomplished yet, but that Mrs. Walworth will report to the Congress.

In the absence of the Vice-President General in Charge of Organization, Mrs. Howard presented the following report: Upon the resignation of Mrs. Adelaide F. G. Chase, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, Mrs. Caroline B. Tufts has been appointed by the State Regent to form a Chapter there. The report was accepted.

No report from the Assistant Historian General.

Mrs. Darwin stated that there was no report to be submitted relative to the report to be sent to the Smithsonian Institution, but that report would be made to the Congress now and would be forwarded to the Smithsonian immediately.

Miss Temple, chairman of the Committee on Historical Scholarship, stated that the committee would report officially to the Congress, but she wished to refer to the work in contemplation as it was a grand undertaking and the accomplishing of the same would be a great glory to the National Society. The course is to be of high grade to be donated to a college graduate, and to be of two or three years' duration.

Mrs. Hatch presented an invitation to the Daughters of the Ameri-

can Revolution from the Sons of the American Revolution to be present at the Lafayette and Washington Monument celebration to be given at Columbia Theatre on Sunday evening, February 20.

Mrs. Goodloe moved that we accept the invitation with thanks, and the twenty-five seats reserved.

Miss Forsyth offered the following amendment: "I move that we extend the thanks of the National Board for the courtesy extended by the Sons of the American Revolution in inviting the Board to attend the meeting of the Lafayette and Washington Monument celebration on February 20." Accepted.

Dr. McGee moved a re-consideration of the votes. Carried.

Mrs. Hoopes moved that the invitation of the Sons of the American Revolution be accepted with thanks, and the twenty-five tickets so kindly sent. Carried. (Seconded by Mrs. Fairbanks.)

Mrs. Frye stated that she had a letter from the State Regent of Maine, relative to the delegates and alternates to Congress, that on account of the blizzard which had practically prevented any mail reaching Washington from that State, she feared the names of delegates and alternates would not reach here in time for the Credential Committee.

Mrs. Hatch stated that all delegates and alternates have to be elected before February 1, in order to represent their Chapters. The Congress so instructed the Credential Committee. Constitution and By-Laws referred to.

The Corresponding Secretary presented a letter from the Chapter at Monmouth, Illinois. The Treasurer General stated she had also received a similar letter. She, as Treasurer General had returned Mrs. Young \$5.00 for Charter, also dues. She read an extract from letter. Mrs. Hatch stated she had received dues for eight additional members, and wished instructions relative to same. Miss Forsyth had also been the recipient of letters from this Chapter. Dr. McGee was called to the Chair. Mrs. Jewett stated that the resolution referred to was from herself and not from her husband.

Mrs. Hatch moved that the Board stand by the resolution made at the November meeting in regard to the Warren Chapter of Illinois. This resolution was then read by the Recording Secretary from the November minutes.

Moved and carried to adjourn.

The adjourned meeting was called to order at 2 p. m.

Mrs. Hatch moved that the further discussion relative to the Monmouth, Illinois, Chapter matter be dispensed with. Carried.

The Recording Secretary General stated she would be pleased to have a committee appointed to investigate her correspondence with the Monmouth Chapter.

Miss Forsyth offered the following motion: "I move that the Board request the Recording Secretary to call the attention of the

ladies wishing to form a Monmouth Chapter to the fact that the Constitution provides for the formation of new Chapters." Carried

Mrs. Main moved that the Board request the Recording Secretary General to state in response to communications received from ladies of the Monmouth Chapter that there is a misapprehension as to the Board having refused to receive their legal representatives, such representative not having requested an audience with the National Board. Carried.

Miss Hetzel presented additional names for acceptance, the Secretary casting the ballot, they were accepted.

The Treasurer General asked if she was instructed to return the \$23.00 dues to the Chapter. Mrs. Hoopes moved: That the Treasurer General inform the Chapter that the dues are never refunded. Carried.

Mrs. Jewett moved that for the coming Exposition in Paris, in 1900, our President General be sent as the representative of our Society. Carried by a rising vote. And that this action be reported to the Eighth Continental Congress. Carried.

Mrs. Stakeley moved that Mrs. Jewett be requested to make this report of the action taken by the Board to the Congress. Carried.

Mrs. Henry presented a letter from J. E. Caldwell & Co., of Philadelphia, relative to the infringement of our insignia by a firm in Chicago. Dr. McGee moved that the Corresponding Secretary inform the Chicago Chapter that it is of the utmost importance that our badge be protected, and call the attention of the Chapter to the necessity of acceding to the request of Caldwell & Co. Carried.

Mrs. Hoopes informed the Board that there seemed some misapprehension in regard to the State Regent of Pennsylvania being a resident of that State as she also owns a residence at Riverton, New Jersey, but Mrs. Roberts is and has been a resident of Pennsylvania for many years. Miss Forsyth explained how the mistake occurred, owing to the lady's address having been given as New Jersey through mistake of the compiler of the lists of officers.

Mrs. Howard here presented a supplementary report of the Vice-President General in Charge of Organization, which was accepted.

Mrs. Howard made the inquiry if a National officer or State Regent, who had been appointed to fill an unexpired term could have a certificate. Mrs. Main moved that any officer elected to fill an unexpired term shall have a certificate. Carried.

Miss Hetzel moved that resolutions of condolence shall be sent to the State Regent of Illinois on the death of her mother, Mrs. Stewart. Seconded by Mrs. Hatch. Carried.

Miss Forsyth moved that the same committee that has several times so ably prepared resolutions of sympathy, of which Mrs. Seymour is Chairman, shall act again. Carried.

Mrs. Fairbanks reported the committee had completed the arrangements for the Peace Jubilee. It was moved and carried that the programs be distributed by the committee.

Committee of Arrangements. Mrs. Cameron in the Chair.—Mrs. Hatcher, Chairman, stated that during the past year, since our contract had been signed for the theatre, the same had changed hands, the present owners seemed doubtful about extending the courtesy of the box office for use. She had considered it wise to employ the regular force of the theatre. She was authorized to employ one man at \$2.50 per day. It was moved and carried that two men at \$25.00 for the two, for the week, be accepted. She was authorized to employ additional ushers for the galleries; four for \$30.00 for the week; sergeant-at-arms, \$8.00 per week.

Miss Temple moved that this report be accepted with a vote of thanks. Carried. Mrs. Howard, Chairman of Music, reported progress. Mrs. Henry, Chairman of Railroad, made report.

The Recording Secretary then read the minutes of the previous meeting. With a few corrections, they were approved.

It was moved and carried that the selection of table and rugs for the Congress should be left to Mrs. Hatcher.

Miss Forsyth asked for information relative to Regents who had not fully formed their Chapters; she was informed by Mrs. Hatch that unless the Chapter was fully formed the Regent could not go, on the floor of the House. Upon motion of Mrs. Hatch it was moved and carried that the names of those Regents appointed to-day be ratified.

Mrs. Hatcher, Chairman of Franco-American Memorial Committee, reported that there has been raised \$1,100 for the Lafayette and nearly \$500 for the Washington statue.

The subject of Chapter Constitution was discussed. Miss Temple moved: "That it is the sense of the National Board that Sec. III, Art. VII, of the Constitution of the National Society does not permit the Chapters to form separate Constitutions." Lost. Unnecessary because of the explanation made at the January meeting.

It was explained that no Chapter could frame a Constitution, but could have By-Laws.

The Recording Secretary announced that there would be a meeting of the State Regents the next day.

It was moved and carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed)

ALICE PICKETT AKERS,
Recording Secretary General.

NATIONAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

February 27, 1899.

A special meeting of the National Board of Management was held February 27th, the President General, Mrs. Manning, in the Chair. Members present: Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Smoot, Mrs. Henry, Miss Forsyth, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Fairbanks, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Colton, Mrs. Frye, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Stakely, Miss Wheeler, Miss Temple, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Sperry, Mrs. Burrows, Mrs. Goodloe, Mrs. Darwin, Mrs. Seymour, Miss McBlair, Miss Hetzel, Mrs. Hatcher, Mrs. Akers, and of the State Regents: Mrs. Roberts, of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Edwards, of Michigan; Mrs. Thom, of Maryland; Mrs. Churchman, of Delaware; Mrs. Lounsberry, of North Dakota; Mrs. Torrance, of Minnesota; Mrs. Pilcher, of Tennessee; Mrs. Burdette, of Vermont; Mrs. Armstrong, of Iowa, and Mrs. Alden, of the District of Columbia.

The meeting was called to order at ten o'clock a. m., after which the Chaplain General, Mrs. William A. Smoot, led in prayer.

The President General said: "We have the honor this morning of gathering together for the first time, as a new Board, to take charge of the affairs of this great organization, and I am sure we can all respond a hearty "Amen" to the prayer just offered by our Chaplain General. As there is a large number of the State Regents present, and as it is the custom to waive the regular business in order to give those from a distance an opportunity to present any matter they may desire to the Board, we will be pleased to hear from the State Regents and other visiting members this morning. The meeting is necessarily an informal one, there being no reports presented so soon after the Congress."

Mrs. Roberts asked permission to bring forward a matter which was overlooked at the Congress, viz: a vote of thanks to the Official Reader of the Congress, and stated that she would like to offer a resolution as the first action of this Board to-day, that the Official Reader of the Eighth Continental Congress be heartily thanked for her very efficient services during the week of the Congress.

This motion being formally put, was voted on and carried.

Mrs. Hatcher arose to a point of personal privilege for the purpose of bringing to the attention of the Board some expenses in connection with the Congress, and moved that at three o'clock p. m., the special order of business be the consideration of the expenses of the Congress. Motion carried.

Mrs. Roberts, State Regent of Pennsylvania, spoke of the desirability of the State Regents attending as often as practicable the meetings of the National Board of Management, in order to keep in touch with the Board and to understand its methods, etc. Mrs. Roberts continuing, said: "I have given much thought to this matter, and I

believe that much of the discord—or perhaps misunderstanding—which, we must admit, does exist in our Congress in regard to the Board, might be avoided if the State Regents attended the Board meetings more frequently. The State Regent stands with one hand on the pulse of the Board and the other on the Chapters; she represents her Chapters in the Board, and is supposed to stand in the center of her Chapters, radiating equal justice to all alike. We have had one particular instance in which it was a great advantage having the State Regent present, and though I know that some of the journeys are long and attended with considerable expense, yet if every State Regent would make up her mind that it a part of her unwritten duty to be present three or four times during the year, it would be a great advantage, and her Chapters would feel that she is here to administer with the Board as part and parcel of that Board, and trust would take the place of distrust. I have been two years on the Board, and I have failed to find the reason of this antagonism."

Mrs. Colton spoke of the necessity of a feeling of good-will and unanimity of action between the State Regents and the delegates to the Continental Congress, and to this end the advisability of the State Regents bringing their Chapters together before meeting at the Congress and having an understanding as to the best action to take at that time.

Mrs. Roberts said: "It was for that reason that we established a State conference in Philadelphia, a few rulings to bring the Chapters together and hold them, and it has had a most happy effect in Pennsylvania. We meet and carry out the plan they had decided upon and the very best results have come from this. I think it would be well if a fund could be provided for the State Regents to come to the National headquarters and represent their Chapters and endeavor in every way to bring about a healthy feeling between the Board and the Congress."

Mrs. Torrance, State Regent of Minnesota, stated that in the discharge of her official duties she had travelled over three thousand miles, at her own expense. Mrs. Torrance also spoke of the kindly feeling that existed in the Chapters of her State towards the National Board and of her efforts to foster this feeling, and that even though at times the Chapters did not fully understand the action, they always respected the decisions of the Board.

Mrs. Edwards, State Regent of Michigan; Mrs. Burdette, of Vermont; Miss Forsyth, of New York, and Miss Temple, of Tennessee, also spoke briefly on this subject.

At the conclusions of these remarks, Mrs. Nash moved: "That the State Regents, present at this meeting, take back to the respective Chapters under their charge, the warmest greetings from the National Board and its earnest appeal for their confidence, sympathy, encouragement and coöperation throughout the ensuing year." Carried.

It was stated that there had been some complaint at the Congress, to

the effect that those officers who were on the stage obtained recognition from the Chair more promptly than those on the floor of the house.

Miss Hetzel, Registrar General, said that she had been on the stage Saturday evening and endeavored the entire evening to get the privilege of saying something in regard to the preservation of the ruins of Jamestown, but without avail, while other members from the floor came up and were recognized, it being easier to recognize speakers in front than behind the Chair.

Mrs. Roberts stated that whatever recognition she obtained was from the floor, except on one occasion, when with a committee. Mrs. Roberts also said that she desired to go on record here as never having, from beginning to end, expressed a preference for any lady in Pennsylvania, and when spoken to on the subject, replied that being the State Regent she could take no official steps towards electing any Vice-President from Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Howard, Vice-President in Charge of Organization, called attention to the courtesy of the Pennsylvania delegates in furnishing daily the flowers for the President General's desk during the Congress.

The President General said: "It was a matter of much regret to me that this courtesy on the part of the Pennsylvania delegates was not recognized at the Congress. I desire to express my appreciation of this now."

A communication was read from Mrs. Ida J. Carey Burns, Regent of the Warren Chapter, Monmouth, Illinois, requesting permission of the Board to publish in the local press the decision of the Board in regard to the adjustment of the troubles in the Warren Chapter, viz: the fact that the former officers, with Mrs. Burns as Regent, are still the legal officers of this Chapter.

Miss Temple moved that the President General appoint a committee to answer this communication of Mrs. Burns. Motion carried.

The President General appointed as this committee, Mrs. Roberts, Miss Forsyth and Miss Temple.

Mrs. Akers moved: "That the Recording Secretary General be empowered hereafter to embody in her annual report to the Continental Congress all action of the Board bearing on matters of importance to Chapters or individual members of the National Society." Motion carried.

It was announced that Mrs. Taplin, chairman of the Reception Committee, for the Eighth Continental Congress, was waiting to make her report. It was moved and carried that Mrs. Taplin present her report to the Board.

The report was read and accepted with a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Taplin for her very efficient services which had made the reception of the Daughters of the American Revolution an unusually brilliant one.

Mrs. Colton suggested that each Chapter of the National Society be given a Magazine, to be kept in the Chapter rooms.

Mrs. Pilcher, State Regent of Tennessee, recommended that each State Regent appoint an agent to procure subscriptions for the Magazine.

Mrs. Edwards, State Regent of Michigan, moved: "That these suggestions be sent to the Magazine Committee, who shall use them at their discretion." Motion carried.

Mrs. Roberts moved that the President General be authorized to nominate an Executive Committee for the consideration of the Board." Motion carried.

Mrs. Darwin asked that the President General will appoint the Finance Committee as soon as possible, so that they may meet with the Treasurer General on Friday; also, requested that she be allowed to retain the present assistant at her office for the coming month.

Miss Temple moved: "That the Treasurer General have the permission of the Board to retain the present assistant in her office for one month." Motion carried.

Mrs. Edwards, of Michigan, moved: "That a vote of thanks from the National Board be extended to the retiring Treasurer General, Mrs. Hatch." Seconded by Mrs. Churchman, of Delaware, Mrs. Frye and others and unanimously carried.

Miss Forsyth suggested that during the present session of the Board, while the State Regents are here, the proposed amendments to the Constitution be considered.

Mrs. Edwards moved: "That the proposed amendments be considered immediately after the recess." Motion carried.

Miss Temple moved that the President General appoint a committee to prepare new Officers' List. Motion carried.

The President General appointed as this committee, Mrs. Akers, Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Howard.

The Chair stated that she had been informed that Mrs. Avery, the Chairman of the Tellers, had incurred some expense during the Congress in connection with her work as Chairman.

Mrs. Edwards moved that the President General appoint a committee of two to inquire into this matter with a view to re-imburasing Mrs. Avery, Chairman of Tellers, for all money expended by her for necessary expenses at the time of the counting the vote. Motion carried.

Mrs. Edwards and Miss Forsyth were appointed as this committee. The President General said: "I would like to make a statement to the Board. A few weeks ago, while at the White House, I stopped to look at the portrait of Mrs. Harrison, the gift of our Society, and I observed a small tablet on the picture, with the words, "presented by the Daughters of the Revolution." I immediately called the attention of Colonel Bingham to this mistake, and told him that we would send proofs that the portrait was presented by the National

Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, as soon as possible after our Congress was over. You remember that the marking of this portrait was discussed at the Congress of 1898, but no action was taken. I trust it will be attended to as soon as possible."

The committee appointed to consider the communication received from the Warren Chapter of Monmouth, Illinois, reported as follows:

Madam President: Your committee reports that the National Board and the Eighth Continental Congress have recognized Mrs. Burns as Regent of the Warren Chapter of Monmouth, Illinois, on the ground that the Chapter had not been legally dissolved and consequently still exists. Therefore, the Committee would recommend that the National Board do not establish the precedent of authorizing any publication in the public press of any differences that may exist in any section of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed)

E. H. B. ROBERTS,
Chairman,
MARY ISABELLA FORSYTH,
MARY BOYCE TEMPLE.

Report accepted.

At 12.45 p. m. it was moved and carried to adjourn until 2 p. m.

Monday Afternoon, February 27, 1899.

The adjourned meeting was called to order at 2.20 p. m., the President General, Mrs. Manning, in the Chair.

Mrs. Hatcher asked permission of the Board to present, on the part of Mr. Nicholas E. Jones, some rare, old books to the Library of the National Society.

Mrs. Darwin moved: "That the thanks of the Board be extended to Mr. Jones, for his valuable contribution to the Library." Motion carried.

Mrs. Hatcher, as Chairman of the House Committee, asked the authorization of the Board to be reimbursed for certain bills she had paid in connection with the Congress, at the same time making a report of the House Committee.

Mrs. Akers moved that the report offered by Mrs. Hatcher be accepted, and that she be reimbursed for the amount she had paid out in settling these bills. Motion carried.

In accordance with the resolution of Mrs. Edwards, passed at the morning session, some of the proposed amendments were brought up for consideration.

Mrs. Edwards spoke of an amendment that she had offered at the Congress of '98, in regard to Chapter representation at the Continental Congress, which had, apparently, been overlooked, at the recent

Congress and asked that this proposed amendment be sent out with those to be sent for the consideration of the Congress of 1900.

Miss Forsyth moved: "That the amendment alluded to by the State Regent of Michigan, as offered at the Congress of 1898, be sent out with the amendments offered in 1899." Motion carried.

In response to a request made by Miss Temple, of Tennessee, Miss Forsyth made some statements concerning the Magazine to the visiting members present, explaining, in a general way, the respective duties of the Editor and Business Manager, adding that this information could be given in detail by the Editor, Mrs. Lockwood.

The Treasurer General spoke about the bond of \$20,000, necessary for the Treasurer General, and stated that she had secured the names of several firms, recommended to attend to this bond.

Mrs. Edwards suggested that the President General be chairman of a committee of three, appointed to attend to this matter.

The President General stated that in her opinion the Treasurer General could obtain all the information necessary on this point and submit the same to the Board at its next session.

Mrs. Goodloe was assigned to assist Mrs. Darwin in the matter of inquiry as to the different firms, recommended in this matter.

The State Regent of Vermont proposed to the Board the name of Mrs. Lucy C. Hines, of Vergennes, Vermont, as Chapter Regent at Vergennes, through the Vice-President General in Charge of Organization.

Miss Forsyth moved that the nomination made by the State Regent of Vermont be confirmed by the Board. Motion carried.

Mrs. Howard, Vice-President General in Charge of Organization, requested that the Card Catalogue be allowed to remain in the office.

Miss Temple moved that this request be granted. Carried.

The Librarian General, Miss McBlair, stated that some of the books presented by Mr. Nicholas E. Jones were intended for the Committee on Revolutionary Relics, and asked instructions of the Board as to the disposition of these books. They were referred to the Chairman of the Committee on Revolutionary Relics, and the other books presented by Mr. Jones were ordered placed in the library.

Miss Temple moved: "That in order to further a valuable work for the National Society, a committee of Historical Scholarship be appointed." Motion carried.

Mrs. Hatcher brought to the Board the matter of the certificate plate, ordered from Caldwell & Company, inquiring the action of the Congress about this certificate plate.

Mrs. Colton moved as the time of adjournment was near at hand that the Board take a recess until Wednesday morning, March 1st.

At the request of Mrs. Edwards, action on this motion was deferred for a few minutes, in order to present the following: "That the new certificate be used for all life members in the National Society.

Daughters of the American Revolution who are willing to pay for them." Motion carried.

Mrs. Hatcher requested that the matter of the certificate plate ordered from Caldwell & Company be taken up for consideration on Wednesday morning, as it is necessary that the work should begin as soon as possible, and the firm are awaiting the order of the Board.

The State Regent of North Dakota, Mrs. Lounsberry, contributed \$5.00 to the Continental Hall fund. This was received with a vote of thanks.

At 5 p. m. the motion of Mrs. Colton to take a recess until Wednesday a. m. was voted on and carried.

Wednesday, March 1, 1899.

The adjourned meeting was called to order at 10.20 a. m. by the President General, Mrs. Manning.

After prayer by the Chaplain General, the Recording Secretary General read the motions of the previous sessions.

Miss Forsyth reported that the committee of two appointed to reimburse Mrs. Avery for the expense incurred by her during the Congress had attended to this matter, giving the details thereof to the Board. The action of the committee was approved by the Board.

Mrs. Frye moved: "That the President General appoint a committee to investigate our expenditures, with a view to learning whether it is possible to lessen them, and that this committee report at the earliest possible date." Motion carried.

Miss Forsyth inquired if all the persons who were to receive letters of condolence had received these expressions from the Board.

Mrs. Seymour, Chairman of the Committee on Condolence, replied that all those persons had received letters of sympathy, except the nurses, Sisters of Charity, and that was placed in the hands of Dr. McGee, Director of the Hospital Corps.

The President General read a letter from Miss Ella Loraine Dorsey bearing on the subject.

Mrs. Seymour was asked to receive this data and comply with the instructions of the Board.

Miss Forsyth and Mrs. Hatcher made some suggestions in regard to the printing in connection with the Magazine,—procuring bids.

It was moved and carried that this be left with the Committee on Printing.

Mrs. Hatcher read a letter from Mrs. Field in regard to the Washington Statue fund and made some interesting statements on the subject. Also, a letter from Miss Codd, calling attention to her book, "The Story of Lafayette," offering, on certain conditions, to give a percentage of the sale of this book to the National Society.

Miss Forsyth moved: "That this offer from Miss Codd, regarding

her book on Lafayette, be referred to a committee of three, to be appointed by the President General, the committee to report as soon as possible." Motion carried.

The Chair appointed as this committee, Miss Forsyth, Chairman; Mrs. Stakely and Miss Temple.

The matter of the certificate plate was brought up for discussion. Mrs. Hatcher read a letter from Caldwell & Company, relating to the preparation of the plate, etc., stating the necessity for action on this matter at the present meeting of the Board.

Miss Temple moved: "That the Board authorize the Printing Committee to order certificates for one year from Caldwell & Company, according to their agreement to furnish a new plate, a facsimile of the old one." Motion carried.

Mrs. Stakely moved: "That the Executive Committee meet with the Printing Committee when the drawing submitted by Caldwell & Company is presented for consideration." Motion carried.

Mrs. Fairbanks moved: "That on behalf of the National Society we offer a vote of thanks to Hon. John L. Griffiths, of Indianapolis, and Hon. Hilary A. Herbert, for their eloquent and forcible addresses, at the "Peace Jubilee" on the evening of February 21st, 1899." Motion carried.

The President General appointed the following committees: Executive Committee, Printing Committee, Auditing Committee and Magazine Committee, asking the indulgence of the Board in appointing the other standing committees, until the April meeting.

Mrs. Armstrong, State Regent of Iowa, made some inquiries in regard to the term for which the commission of a Chapter Regent holds good, stating that in Iowa some of the Chapter Regents have held their commissions for four years, without being able to form Chapters.

It was stated that two years is the limit for the Chapter Regents' commission.

The Treasurer General spoke of the bond required to be filed by the Treasurer General with some reliable company, to insure the fidelity and trust reposed in her, and gave the terms proposed by the respective companies under consideration.

It was moved and carried that the National Security Company be accepted as the one to bond the Treasurer General.

The Chair asked the opinion of the Board in regard to editing the minutes of the Congress.

After some discussion of the matter, Mrs. Frye moved: "That the stenographers of the Congress be empowered to edit the minutes of said Congress, subject to a Committee on Revision, appointed by the President General." Motion carried.

Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Akers and Mrs. Henry were appointed by the President General as the Revision Committee.

At 12:45 p. m. it was moved and carried to adjourn until 2 o'clock.

Wednesday Afternoon, March 1, 1899.

Pursuant to call the adjourned meeting was opened at two o'clock, p. m., the President General, Mrs. Manning, in the Chair.

Mrs. Sperry, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, asked for instructions in regard to procuring expert accountant for the Auditing Committee.

Mrs. Nash moved that this matter be left to the discretion of the Auditing Committee.

Mrs. Fairbanks amended as follows: "That the Chairman of the Auditing Committee report at the April meeting of the Board concerning accountant and amounts to be paid them." Motion carried as amended.

The President General requested Mrs. Fairbanks to take the Chair.

Miss McBlair, Librarian General, stated that a table would be required in the room of the Librarian General, requesting permission to have the same procured.

Mrs. Howard moved: "That the request of the Librarian General for a table in her office, be granted." Motion carried.

Mrs. Howard presented a bill from Mr. Foster for \$50.00, and one for \$25.00, for decorations during the Congress, stating that these bills had been approved and were turned over to the Finance Committee.

By the unanimous consent of the Board the Recording Secretary General was directed to write the florist, Loosè, thanking him for the floral decorations during the week of the Congress.

The President General resumed the Chair, and announced to the Board that an application had been made by a lady in Paris for the Chapter Regency of a Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution which it is proposed to organize in that city.

Mrs. Howard stated that there were several other applicants prior to that just presented, which would necessarily be considered first.

Mrs. Howard was requested to take the Chair.

The report of the committee to examine Miss Codd's book was presented by Miss Temple: Madam President, A majority of your committee report that they recommend that the Corresponding Secretary General be authorized to write Miss Codd that the Board will call the attention of the Chapters, through the AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE, to her offer regarding the Story of Lafayette, in the hope that a large sale may result therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

MARY ISABELLA FORSYTH,
MARY BOYCE TEMPLE.

Report accepted.

It was moved and carried that the first Wednesday of each month be the day fixed for the meeting of the National Board.

The President General announced a contribution to the Continental Hall fund.

It was moved and carried that this be accepted with thanks.

Mrs. Hatcher asked that she be permitted, as Assistant Historian, to have certain slips printed in connection with her work.

Mrs. Darwin moved: "That this request of the Assistant Historian be granted." Motion carried.

The President General resumed the Chair.

The Recording Secretary General read a communication from Mrs. Fairbanks, expressing her thanks for the appointment to the chairmanship of the Finance Committee, but regretting her inability to accept the appointment.

Miss Desha was presented to the Board, and at 5.30 p. m. it was moved and carried to go into a committee of the whole.

At 6 o'clock the committee arose.

Miss Temple moved: "That after the opening meetings of the Congress the Vice-Presidents General sit with their respective delegations, and that all speakers gain recognition from the floor."

Miss Forsyth offered an amendment to this motion, with a view to making it extend to other officers, which she afterwards withdrew with the permission of the Board.

The motion was voted on and lost, for lack of time to consider it satisfactorily.

At six p. m. it was moved and carried to adjourn until the first Wednesday in April.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Pickett Akers,
Recording Secretary General.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER GENERAL.

(The financial report in detail was printed and distributed at the Congress, but failed to be placed in the stenographer's hands, and is therefore printed in this number of the Magazine.)

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand February 8, 1898,	\$3,814 70
Initiation fees,	4,046 00
Annual dues,	26,414 00
Charters and life members,	1,498 00
Blanks and stationery,	37 11
Rosettes,	241 20
Directory,	100 50
Ribbon,	28 86
Spoons,	29 46
Lineage books,	525 00
Insignia,	1,267 00
Statute books,	4 95
Magazine,	2,005 74
Interest on investments,	1,511 27
Certificates,	26 00
Permanent investment (bonds redeemed),	400 00
China,	20 00
Bills payable (temporary loan),	1,200 00
Record shields,	10 00
Continental Hall,	4,444 00
Seventh Continental Congress (unexpended return),	5 05
Stationery;	45 20
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	\$47,764 04

DISBURSEMENTS.

Certificates,	\$143 00
Directory,	1,667 71
Lineage,	1,745 00
Magazine,	6,537 10
Dues refunded,	946 00
Ribbon,	76 50
Rosettes,	200 00
Spoons,	201 00
Charters and life members (refunded),	143 50
Bills payable (note paid),	1,200 00

Expenses Seventh Continental Congress,	2,375 46
Expenses Eighth Continental Congress,.....	204 85
	————— \$15,440 12

Office Expenses.

First Vice-President General,	\$770 50
Recording Secretary General,	1,194 50
Corresponding Secretary General,	589 70
Treasurer General,	2,448 60
Registrar General,	2,725 10
Historian General,	1,664 50
Librarian General,	217 08
Card catalogue,	586 40
State Regents,	155 45
General office,	6,390 12
	————— \$16,741 75

Permanent Fund.

Continental Hall,	\$4,444 00
Charters and life members,	1,354 50
Rosettes,	41 20
Insignia,	1,267 00
Interest on investments,	1,511 27
China,	20 00
Stationery,	45 10
Statute books,	4 95
Record shields,	10 00
Bonds redeemed,	400 00
Part of transfer of \$5,000 ordered by Seventh Continental Congress,	2,767 50
	————— \$11,865 62
Balance \$2,232.50 made by transfer of U. S. bonds from current investments.	
Balance on hand February 10, 1899,	3,716 55
	—————
	\$47,764 04

PERMANENT FUND—RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand February 8, 1898,	\$3,626 23
Continental Hall,	\$4,444 00
Charters and life members,	1,354 50
Rosettes,	41 20
Insignia,	1,267 00
Interest on investments,	1,511 27
China,	20 00
Stationery,	45 20
Statute books,	4 95

Record shields,	10 00
Bonds redeemed,	400 00
Part of transfer of \$5,000 ordered by	
Seventh Continental Congress,	2,767 50
	11,865 62
	— \$15,491 85

DISBURSEMENTS.

Ten United States bonds,	\$10,918 75
Balance on hand February 10, 1899,	4,573 10
	— \$15,491 85

ASSETS.

Current fund cash, balance February 10, 1899,	\$3,716 55
Current investments, two United States four per	
cent. bonds,	2,332 50
	— 5,949 05

Permanent Fund.

Cash balance February 10, 1899,	\$4,573 10
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Investments.

Two American Security and Trust Company	
bonds,	2,034 31
Two United States bonds (transfer current invest-	
ment part of \$5,000 ordered by Seventh Con-	
gress),	2,232 50
One United States bond,	1,092 50
One United States bond,	1,060 00
Six United States bonds,	6,974 95
Three United States bonds,	3,354 00
Three United States bonds,	3,371 25
Four United States bonds,	4,500 00
Three United States bonds,	3,397 50
Ten United States bonds,	10,918 75
	— 43,508 86
Total assets,	\$49,457 86
February 10, 1899, assets,	\$49,457 91
February 8, 1898, assets,	38,090 44

Increase,	\$11,367 47*
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SPECIAL NOTICE.—All listed assets are carried at the actual cost price the Society paid for these bonds when purchased.

The par value of United States bonds on hand is \$1,000 each. When these bonds mature in 1907 and 1925, if they should still be in the possession of the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, they will be redeemed at \$1,000 each, their actual par value.

The difference between the price at which the bonds will be redeemed by the United States, and the original cost price will have to be charged to the interest account and deducted from the receipts of that account.

As these securities were carried at their cost price by our former Treasurer, I have since carried them at the same figures, and not at their par value.

* Exhibit showing channels through which increase of \$11,367.47 has been derived from February 8, 1898, to February 10, 1899:

LOSSES.

Expense,	\$16,704 64
Directory,	1,477 21
Magazine,	4,531 36
Ribbons,	47 64
Lineage,	1,220 00
Spoons,	171 54
Certificates,	117 00
Seventh Congress,	2,370 41
Eighth Congress,	204 85
Excess in gains,	11,367 47
	————— \$38,212 12

GAINS.

Fees and dues,	\$29,514 00
Statute book,	4 95
Continental Hall,	4,444 00
Charters and life members,	1,354 50
Rosettes,	41 20
China,	20 00
Interest,	1,511 27
Insignia,	1,267 00
Stationery,	45 20
Record shields,	10 00
	————— \$38,212 12

SARAH H. HATCH,
Treasurer General.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER GENERAL.

February 10th to March 28th, 1899.

CURRENT FUND—CASH.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in bank, transferred by check of retiring Treasurer General,	\$3,716 55
Annual dues (8,688.00 less \$56 refunded),	8,632 00
Initiation fees (496.00 less \$1 refunded),	495 00
Sales of application blanks,	1 65
Sales of Directory,	15 00
Sales of Lineage Books,	192 20
Sales of Magazines,	125 00
Sales of new certificates,	3 00
Sales of Rosette badges,	31 80
Sales of Statute Books,	1 55

Total receipts, \$13,213 75
 (Actual income February 10th to March 28th, \$9,497.20.)

EXPENDITURES.

Eighth Continental Congress.

Rent of Opera House for one week, day and evening,	\$900 00
House Committee expenditures (pencils, pads, stationery, doorkeepers, etc.), less \$10 refunded, ..	125 03
Decoration Committee expenditures (flags, bunting, cambric),	26 38
Music Committee expenditures (precentor and soloist),	65 00
Reception Committee expenditures (5,000 invitations, electric lights and decorations),	253 25
Printing Committee expenditures (2,000 programs, 1,000 reports, ballots, etc.),	201 35
Luncheons and transportation for Tellers,	18 05
Official reader,	100 00
Parliamentarian,	150 00
Clerical service for President General,	6 08
Copying for press the plan of union between Daughters of the Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution,	1 50
	— \$1,846 64

Magazine.

Salary of Editor for March,	\$83 33
Salary of Business Manager for March,.....	50 00
Publishing March issue,	363 25
Auditing last quarter's accounts of Business Manager,	10 00
500 postal cards for notices of Business Manager,	6 25
Binding Volumes XII and XIII for Business Manager,	2 50
	515 33

Office in General.

Rent of office rooms for March,.....	\$150 00
Curator's salary,	75 00
4,000 stamped envelopes,	90 00
Incidentals (messages, repairs, telegrams, expressage, postage),	30 00
Rugs for office rooms,	74 00
Typewriting report to Smithsonian Institution,...	17 00
Expenditures of retiring Continental Hall Committee,	6 86
Stationery,	13 34
Postage for President General,	10 00
Purchase of insignia ribbon for sale,	27 00
Purchase of rosette badges for sale,	40 00
	533 20
Real Daughters Spoons,	26 30

State Regents' Postage.

New Jersey,	\$5 00
North Dakota (retiring Regent),	3 50
Alabama,	5 40
Kentucky,	5 00
District of Columbia (retiring Regent),.....	5 00
Maine,	4 50
Massachusetts,	5 00
Ohio,	5 00
District of Columbia (new Regent),	5 00
	43 40

Office of Recording Secretary General.

Salary of stenographer for March,	75 00
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Office of Corresponding Secretary General.

Salary of clerk for March,	50 00
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Office of Vice-Pres. Gen. in Charge of Organization.

Salary of clerk for March,	50 00
Salary of card catalogue clerk for March,.....	50 00
	100 00

Office of Treasurer General.

Salary for bookkeeper for March,	\$100 00
Salary of record clerk for March,	50 00
Salary of second clerk for March,	50 00
Temporary clerical service (ledger headings and index),	8 00
New ledger,	7 50
Six rubber stamps, with stand,	4 75
500 revenue stamps for checks,	10 00
Auditing accounts of retiring Treasurer General,..	15 00
Premium on bond for new Treasurer General,....	60 50
	305 75

Office of Registrar General.

Certificates,	\$30 00
Engrossing certificates,	46 10
Postage on application blanks,	10 00
Salary of three clerks for March,	150 00
	236 10

Office of Historian General.

Salaries of two clerks for March,	\$120 00
Postage on Lineage Books,	10 00
	130 00

Office of Librarian General.

Binding,	80
1,000 index cards,	\$2 25
Salary of indexer for March,	50 00
	53 05

Total expenditures of current fund,	\$3,914 77
Current cash balance (Metropolitan Bank, \$1,368.78; Loan and Trust Company, \$7,930.20),	9,298 98
	\$13,213 75

CURRENT FUND—INVESTMENTS.

Transferred by Retiring Treasurer General.

Two United States registered bonds, series of 1877-1907, numbered 289775 and 194135, face value \$1,000 each, \$2,000.

Interest on above two bonds, at four per cent.

per annum, is payable each year on the first day of October, January, April and July.

The cost price of each, as reported by my predecessor, was \$1,116.25, or \$2,232.50 for the two, they being thus worth \$232.50 more than their face value. As, however, the market value varies from month to month, as interest is paid or the money market fluctuates, it is deemed best to give here only their face value.

Assets of Current Fund.

Cash in bank,	\$9,298 98
Current investments, estimated at face value,	2,000 00
Total,	\$11,298 98

(If the investments are estimated at cost price the total is, \$11,531.48.)

PERMANENT FUND—CASH.

Cash balance transferred by check of retiring Treasurer General,	\$4,573 10
Six Chapter charters,	30 00
Interest on permanent fund cash balance in American Security and Trust Company,	7 90

Life Memberships.

Mary Silliman Chapter, Mrs. I. W. Birdseye, Connecticut,	\$12 50
Mary Silliman Chapter, Mrs. William H. Perry, Connecticut,	12 50
Chicago Chapter, Mrs. Hattie L. Burns, Illinois,	12 50
Chicago Chapter, Mrs. Laura Hayes Fuller, Illinois,	12 50
Chicago Chapter, Miss Helen L. Shaw, Illinois,	12 50
Chicago Chapter, Mrs. Myra C. Smith, Illinois,	12 50
Moline Chapter, Mrs. Butterworth, Illinois,	25 00
Moline Chapter, Mrs. Deere, Illinois,	25 00
Moline Chapter, Mrs. Wiman, Illinois,	25 00
George Rogers Clark Chapter, Mrs. J. M. Baker,	12 50
George Rogers Clark Chapter, Mrs. C. G. Marsh, Harrisburg Chapter, Mrs. Louis Hall, Pennsylvania,	12 50
Wyoming Valley Chapter, Mrs. McCartney, Pennsylvania,	12 50
Western Reserve Chapter, Mrs. Edwin B. Wright, Ohio,	12 50

Irondequoit Chapter, Ellen S. White, New York, Mahwewawasigh Chapter, Mrs. Arthur G. Smith, New York,	12 50
Racine Chapter, Mrs. Amanda C. Crooks, Wisconsin,	12 50
Racine Chapter, Mrs. Jessie Wallace, Wisconsin,	12 50
Delia S. Jackson,	25 00

287 50

Contributions to Continental Hall.

Mrs. W. P. Jewett,	\$25 00
Alabama subscription, through Mrs. J. Morgan Smith,	25 00
Puerto del Oro Chapter, California,	25 00
Mrs. Ellen M. Colton, Sequoia Chapter, California,	25 00
Mrs. Antoinette Eno Wood, for Abigail Phelps Chapter, Connecticut,	100 00
Mrs. Antoinette Eno Wood, "In memoriam," Connecticut,	1,000 00
Mrs. Betsey R. Warner, Elizabeth Clark Hull Chapter, Connecticut,	50 00
Mrs. Mary A. Hepburn Smith, for Freelove Bald- win Stowe Chapter, Connecticut,	105 00
Putnam Hill Chapter, Connecticut,	10 00
Mrs. A. N. Belding, Regent, Sabra Trumbull Chapter, Connecticut,	25 00
Caesar Rodney Chapter, Delaware, through Mrs. Waples,	25 00
Elizabeth Cook Chapter, Delaware, through Mrs. Speakman,	10 00
Mrs. Kate W. Hardcastle, of John Pettigrew Chap- ter, Delaware,	1 00
Army and Navy Chapter, District of Columbia, ..	10 00
Mrs. S. Perry Lee, District of Columbia,	25 00
Continental Chapter, District of Columbia,	25 00
Mrs. J. Eakin Gadsby, Mary Washington Chapter, District of Columbia,	10 00
Mrs. Mary Hasler Newcomb, Mary Washington Chapter, District of Columbia,	5 00
Miss Julia McBlair, Mary Washington Chapter, District of Columbia,	5 00
Miss E. T. Ward, Mary Washington Chapter, District of Columbia,	10 00
Master Edwin Porter Brereton, Red, White and Blue Society, C. A. R., District of Columbia,	25 00
Mrs. Mary M. Raoul, Atlanta, Georgia,	10 00

Mrs. C. H. Deere, Regent, Moline Chapter, Illinois,	25 00
Mrs. William Butterworth, Moline Chapter, Illinois,	25 00
Mrs. William A. Maurer, Council Bluffs, Iowa,...	10 00
Mrs. Ida W. Armstrong, State Regent, Clinton, Illinois,	100 00
Jemima Johnson Chapter, Kentucky,	11 50
Mrs. W. H. Gannett, Koussinoc Chapter, Maine,	15 00
Mrs. G. A. Sanderson, Bunker Hill Chapter, Massachusetts,	10 00
Mrs. James Brewer Crane, Pittsfield Chapter, Massachusetts,	50 00
Quequechan Chapter,	10 00
Mrs. Bradford D. Davol, Quequechan Chapter, Massachusetts,	5 00
Mrs. Russell A. Alger, Detroit, Michigan,	50 00
Mrs. John Quincy Adams, Distaff Chapter, Minnesota,	100 00
St. Louis Chapter, Missouri,	100 00
Mrs. A. M. Dockery, Kansas City, Missouri,.....	50 00
Mrs. Eliza Warren Hook, Broad Seal Chapter, New Jersey,	25 00
Mrs. Josephine W. Swann, Regent, Princeton Chapter, New Jersey,	100 00
Mrs. R. J. Sherman, Buffalo Chapter, New York,	10 00
Mrs. Jeanne F. Seymour, Mary Washington Colonial Chapter, New York, in memory of her mother, Julia Holmes Root Billings,	50 00
Mrs. S. V. White, Fort Greene Chapter, New York,	100 00
Mrs. James Williams, Fort Greene Chapter, New York, in loving memory of Reubena Walworth,	100 00
Mrs. Franklin W. Hopkins, Brooklyn, New York,	15 00
Mrs. Franklin W. Hopkins, for Little Men and Women of '76, C. A. R.,	10 00
Mrs. J. L. Meeker, Knickerbocker Chapter, New York,	20 00
Mrs. Orange Ferriss, Mary Washington Colonial Chapter, New York,	10 00
Gansevoort Chapter, Albany, New York,	25 00
Mohawk Chapter, New York,	25 00
Miss Mary Fernandez de Velasco, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Sarah J. Haldane de Velasco, New York City Chapter, New York,	25 00
Miss Emma G. Lathrop, in memory of her mother,	

Mrs. Mary Augusta Lathrop, No. 434, New York City Chapter, New York,	50 00
Ondawa-Cambridge Chapter, New York,	50 00
Mrs. G. W. Holland, New York City,	300 00
Mrs. Washington A. Roebling, New York City,	25 00
Mrs. Daniel Manning, Albany, New York,	100 00
Olean Chapter, New York,	5 00
Senect Chapter, New York,	10 00
William Mason Chapter, through Mrs. C. A. Lounsberry, North Dakota,	5 00
Mrs. B. F. Hyatt, Fort Findlay Chapter, Ohio,	5 00
Ursula Wolcott Chapter, Ohio,	25 00
Mahoning Chapter, through Mrs. Mary B. Thorne, Ohio,	25 00
Colonel William Montgomery Chapter, through Miss Pursell, Pennsylvania,	5 00
Cumberland County Chapter, Pennsylvania,	10 00
Mrs. Harold Wickersham, Regent, for Donegal Chapter, Pennsylvania,	25 00
Mrs. A. J. Herr, Harrisburg Chapter, Pennsylvania,	100 00
Mrs. Louis W. Hall, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania,	12 50
Mrs. Louis W. Hall, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in memory of her daughter, Mrs. Ellen Hall Wright,	100 00
Mrs. G. T. Huff, Phobe Bayard Chapter, Pennsylvania,	25 00
Miss Nena Moore, Presque Isle Chapter, Pennsylvania,	10 00
Mrs. Mary B. F. Leiper, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,	50 00
Miss Harriet Baird Huey, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,	25 00
Mrs. Clement A. Griscom, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,	50 00
Mrs. Samuel Bettle, Haverford, Pennsylvania,	25 00
Mrs. Julia K. Hogg, a return of postage received when she was State Regent of Pennsylvania,	67 56
Pittsburg Chapter, Pennsylvania,	100 00
Mrs. Eleanor H. Nimick, Pittsburg Chapter, Pennsylvania,	25 00
Rebecca Motte Chapter, South Carolina,	10 00
Ann Story Chapter, Rutland, Vermont, through the Regent, Mrs. H. H. Dyer,	25 00
Brattleboro Chapter, Vermont,	25 00
Miss Ella M. Ballou, through Mrs. Burdette,	

State Regent of Vermont,	10 00
Dorothea Henry Chapter, Virginia,	100 00
Fort Nelson Chapter, Virginia,	10 00
Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter, Virginia,	5 00
Massanutton Chapter,	5 00
Montpelier Chapter,	15 00
Mount Vernon Chapter,	65 00
	4,127 56
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	\$9,026 06

PERMANENT FUND—INVESTMENTS.

Transferred by Retiring Treasurer General.

Six United States Registered bonds, series of 1894-1904, numbered 7164-7169; date of issue, April 6, 1895; face value,	\$6,000 00
Interest on above six bonds, at five per cent. per annum, is payable on first day of February, May, August and November.	
Three United States registered bonds, series of 1877-1907, numbered 194136-194138; date of issue, April 1, 1897; face value,	3,000 00
Four United States registered bonds, series of 1877-1907, numbered 194568-194571; date of issue, April 7th, 1897; face value,	4,000 00
Seven United States registered bonds, series of 1877-1907, numbered 196617-196623; date of issue, August 18, 1897; face value,	7,000 00
Three United States registered bonds, series of 1877-1907, numbered 198409-198411; date of issue, January 5, 1898; face value,	3,000 00
One United States registered bond, series of 1877-1907; date of issue, May 16, 1898; face value,	10,000 00
Interest on above eighteen bonds, at four per cent. per annum, is payable on first of October, January, April and July, each year.	
Two debenture bonds of American Security and Trust Company, Washington, District of Columbia; numbers 100 and 110, series A, issue of 1896; due 1911; face value \$500.00 each,	1,000 00
Interest on above two bonds, at four per cent. per annum, is payable on first of April and October each year.	
One debenture bond of American Security and Trust Company, Washington, District of Columbia; series 8, number 20; date of issue April, 1890; face value,	1,000 00

Interest on above bond, at five per cent. per annum, has been payable on first of May and November heretofore. But the American Security and Trust Company has called in this bond and will redeem it, paying interest to April 1, 1899. The sum thus redeemed needs to be at once invested, together with the more than \$9,000 of permanent fund cash balance.

— \$35,000 00

Assets of Permanent Fund.

Cash balance in American Security and Trust Company's bank,	\$9,026 06
Bonds in safety box in American Security and Trust Company's bank, at face value,	35,000 00
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	\$44,026 06

(Or, estimating bonds at cost price, the total is, \$47,061.82.)

COMBINED ASSETS OF BOTH FUNDS.

Cash balance of Current Fund: In Washington Loan and Trust Company's Bank, \$7,930.78; in Metropolitan Bank, \$1,368.20,	\$9,298 98
Current investments, at face value, in American Security and Trust Company's Bank,	2,000 00
Cash balance of permanent fund in American Security and Trust Company's Bank,	9,026 06
Permanent investments, at face value, in American Security and Trust Company's Bank,	35,000 00
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	\$55,325 04

(If bonds are estimated at cost price, the total is, \$59,493.30.)

Respectfully submitted.

GERTRUDE B. DARWIN,
Treasurer General.

April 5, 1899.

REPORT OF TREASURER GENERAL.

March 28 to April 27, 1899.

CURRENT FUND—CASH.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at last report,	\$9,298 98
Initiation fees (\$333.00 less \$1.00 refunded),.....	\$332 00
Annual dues (\$1,734.00 less \$187.00 refunded),	1,547 00
Contributions for Meadow Garden Farm,	9 20
Sales of application blanks,	95
Sales of new certificates,	1 00
Sales of Directories,	1 50
Sales of Magazines,	431 48
Sales of Lineage Books,	36 00
Sales of ribbon for insignia,	5 75
Sales of rosette badges,	8 20
	2,373 08

	\$11,672 06

(Actual income of month, \$2,373.08.)

EXPENDITURES.

Eighth Continental Congress.

Stenographers of the Congress,	\$425 00
Badges,	290 90
Clerical service at night during Congress,	80 00
Night service of elevator boys during Congress,	5 00

	\$800 90

Magazine.

Paper for maps in February issue,	\$56 10
Illustrations,	18 90
Stationery, postage, etc., February 1 to April 20, 1899,	22 87
Editor's salary for April,	83 33
Business Manager's salary for April,	50 00

	231 20

State Regents' Postage.

North Dakota, new Regent,	\$5 00
Missouri,	5 00
Maryland,	5 00
Massachusetts, second installment,	5 00
Iowa,	5 00
Vermont,	5 00

	30 00

State Regents' stationery,	23 30
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Office of Recording Secretary General.

Engrossing commissions,	\$7 05
Postage,	5 00
Salary of stenographic clerk for April,	75 00
Extra clerical service,	2 97
	90 02

Office of Corresponding Secretary General.

Record book,	\$3 33
Postage,	10 00
Salary of clerk for April,	50 00
	63 33

Office of Registrar General.

Record book,	\$3 33
Postage on application blanks,	10 00
Binding duplicate application papers,	12 00
Engrossing membership certificates,	55 60
Salary of three clerks for April,	150 00
	230 93

Office of Vice-Pres. Gen. in Charge of Organization.

Engrossing State Regent commissions,	\$13 50
Record book,	3 34
Repairing typewriter,	4 00
Salary of clerk for April,	50 00
Salary of card catalogue clerk for April,	50 00
	120 84

Office of Treasurer General.

Ruled paper for reports,	\$2 65
Mimeographing 500 circular letters,	5 00
Two large check books, with insignia,	11 00
Rent of box in Washington Loan and Trust Company vault, February 27 to April 18, 1899,	1 50
Rent of box in American Security and Trust Company for one year,	5 00
Salary of bookkeeper for April,	100 00
Salary of record clerk for April,	50 00
Salary of second clerk for April,	50 00
	225 15

Office of Historian General.

Postal cards for Lineage book notices,	\$10 00
Salary of two clerks for April,	120 00
Postage and expressage on Lineage books,	20 00
	150 00

Office of Librarian General.

1,000 index cards,	\$2 25
Four books for library,	4 00
Binding,	7 70
Salary of index clerk for April,	50 00
	63 95
<i>Real Daughters' Spoons,</i>	<i>14 40</i>

Office in General.

Stationery,	\$66 55
Incidentals (telegrams, expressage, repairs, postage, etc.),	30 00
Framing revolutionary relics,	5 25
4,000 stamped envelopes,	86 00
Postage on Directory,	10 00
Office rent for April,	150 00
Salary of Curator for April,	75 00
	422 80
<i>Total expenditures,</i>	<i>\$2,466 82</i>
	<i>9,205 24</i>
<i>Current cash balance,</i>	<i>\$11,672 06</i>

CURRENT INVESTMENTS.

Two United States four per cent. registered bonds, face value,	\$2,000 00
(Market value, May 1, 1899, \$2,572.50.)	

Assets of Current Fund.

Cash in bank: Washington Loan and Trust Company, \$6,047.68; Metropolitan, \$3,157.56;	\$9,205 24
Current investments at face value,	2,000 00
Total assets of current fund,	\$11,205 24
(If investments are estimated at market price, the total is \$11,777.74.)	

PERMANENT FUND—CASH RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at last report,	\$9,026 06
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Life Memberships.

Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter, Mrs. Sarah Francis Atkins,	\$12 50
Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter, Mrs. Mary Isabella Bybee,	12 50
Chicago Chapter, Mrs. Ella Peters Cole,	12 50

Chicago Chapter, Miss Josephine Fegenbush,....	12 50
Gansevoort Chapter, Catherine W. B. Ward,	12 50
	62 50
Sales of Chapter charters,	15 00
Profit on sales of rosette badges, February 10th to April 27th,	8 90
Interest (\$317.96 less \$37.50 of life memberships returned),..	280 46

Continental Hall Contributions.

Elizabeth Kenton Chapter, Kentucky,	\$25 00
Miss Mary Fernandez de Velasco, New York, in memory of her mother,	25 00
Dorothy Ripley Chapter, Connecticut,	15 00
Miss Mary Eliot Lincoln, Old Colony Chapter, Massachusetts,	10 00
General Israel Putnam Chapter, Massachusetts,..	25 00
Martha Washington Chapter, District of Col- umbia,	10 00
Old Dominion Chapter, Virginia,	50 00
	160 00
	\$9,552 92

PERMANENT FUND—INVESTMENTS.

Eighteen United States registered four per cent. bonds, face value,	\$27,000 00
(Market value May 1st, \$34,728.75.)	
Six United States registered five per cent. bonds, face value,	6,000 00
(Market value May 1, 1899, \$6,697.50.)	
Two four per cent. debenture bonds of American Security and Trust Company of Washington, District of Columbia; face value,	1,000 00
One American Security and Trust Company five per cent. debenture bond, face value,	1,000 00
	\$35,000 00

Assets of Permanent Fund.

Cash balance in American Security and Trust Company's bank,	\$9,552 92
United States and American Security and Trust Company bonds, face value,	35,000 00
	\$44,552 92

COMBINED ASSETS OF BOTH FUNDS.

Cash balance of current fund,	\$9,205 24
Current investment, at face value,	2,000 00

Cash balance of permanent fund,	9,552 92
Permanent investments, at face value,	35,000 00

Total assets, at face value, \$55,758 16
(If investments are estimated at market value, May 1st, the
total will be, \$62,184.41.)

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE B. DARWIN,
Treasurer General.

May 3, 1899.

NOTICE TO CHAPTERS.

"By order of the National Board all Chapters are informed that hereafter notices to Chapters will, so far as possible, be set out through the **AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE**.

Also, that Chapters be requested, in view of the summer recess of the National Board, to send, as far as possible, all moneys, applications and other communications to the various National Officers before June 1, or on or after September 1, 1899."

ALICE PICKETT AKERS,
Recording Secretary General.

May 19, 1899.

ERRATA.

In the report of Mrs. S. L. Van Ransaler Strong relative to the Yankee Doodle house published in the proceedings of Congress, please read New York State Chapters, instead of New York City Chapter.



